

The Kanji characters for "atom"
Iron on copper III (*Lutz & Eigler*)

Nanotechnology Overview

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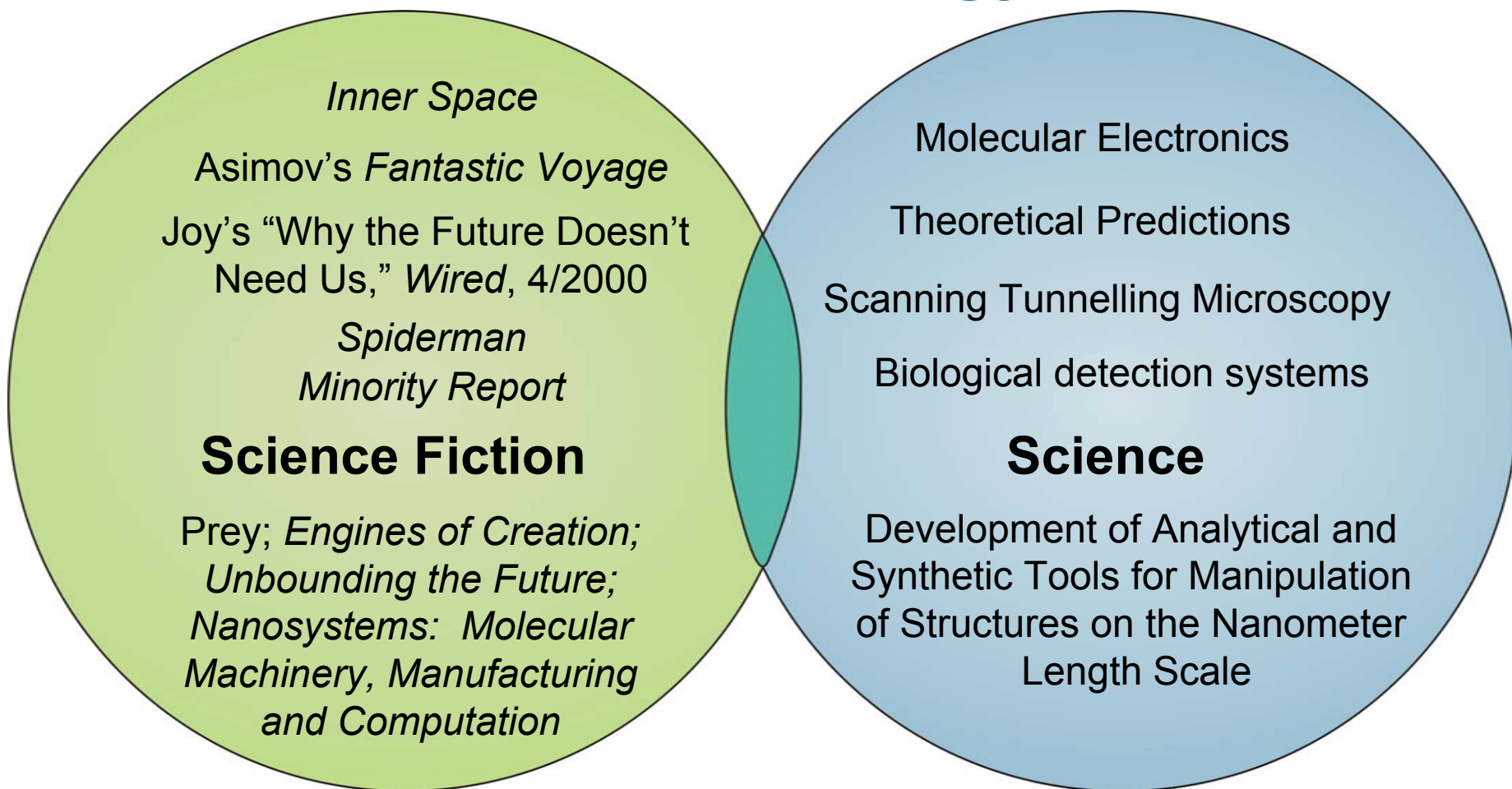
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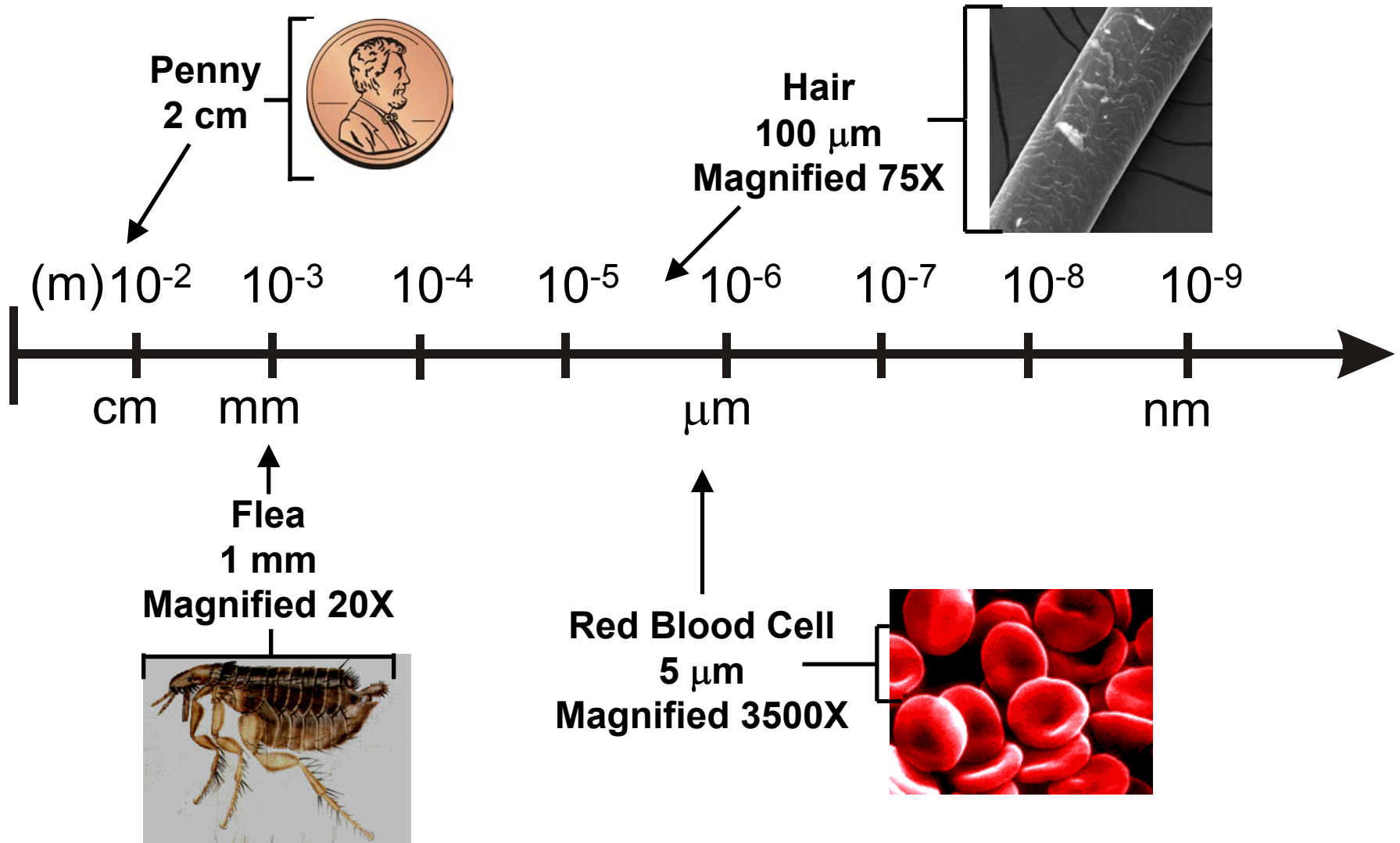
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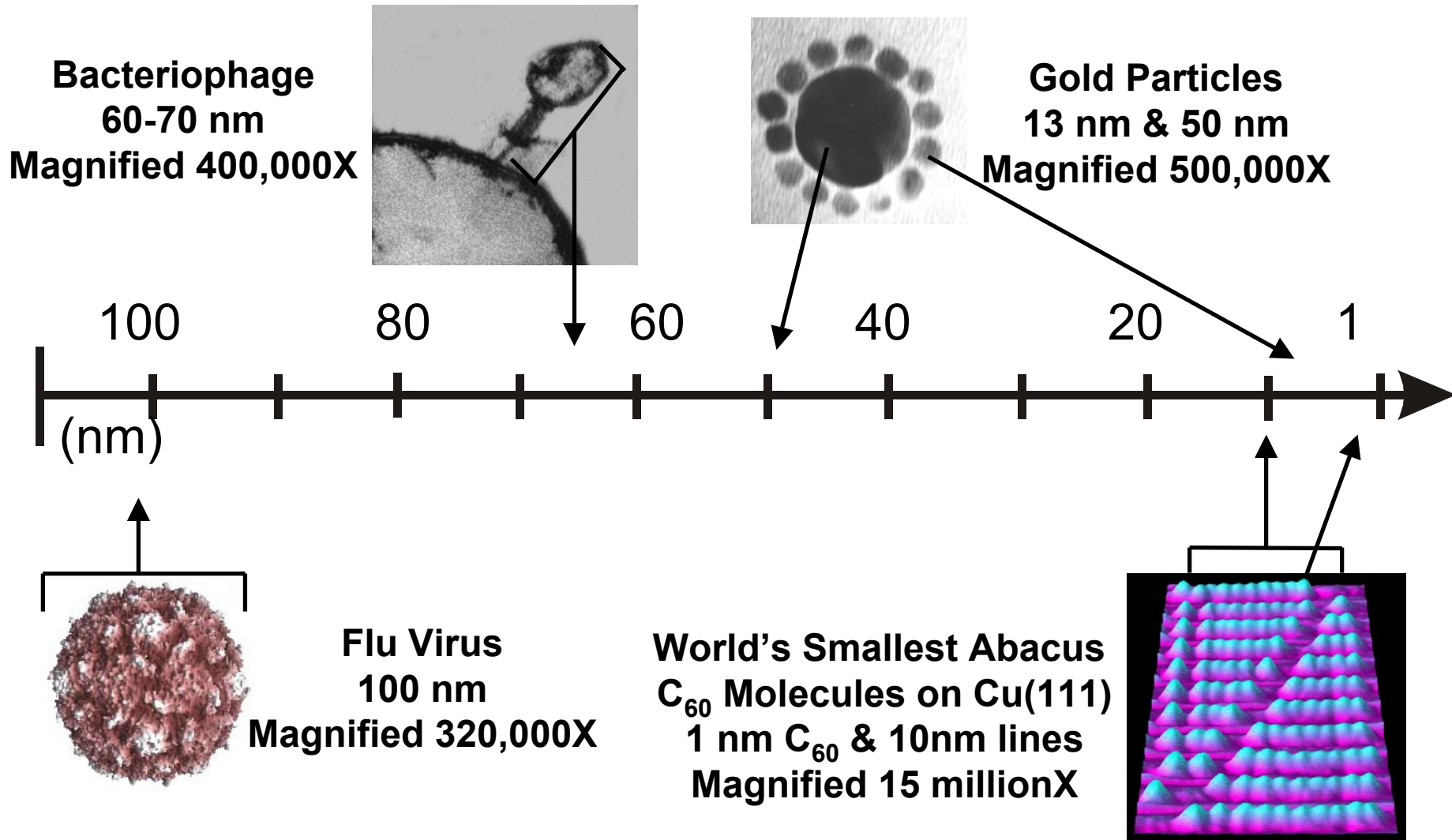
The Size of Things...



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The Interesting Length Scale



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Nanotechnology: What is it?

1. Developing synthetic and analytical tools for characterizing and manipulating materials on the nanometer (nm) length scale.
2. Determining the chemical and physical consequences of miniaturization.
3. Exploiting the ability to miniaturize and its consequences in the development of new technology.



Nanotechnology is not About Nanobots

“Smart Nanodevices..

..applied to medicine would be able
To seek out a target in the body...fix it
and prevent it from further activity, for
example, preventing a virus from
infecting a cell.”

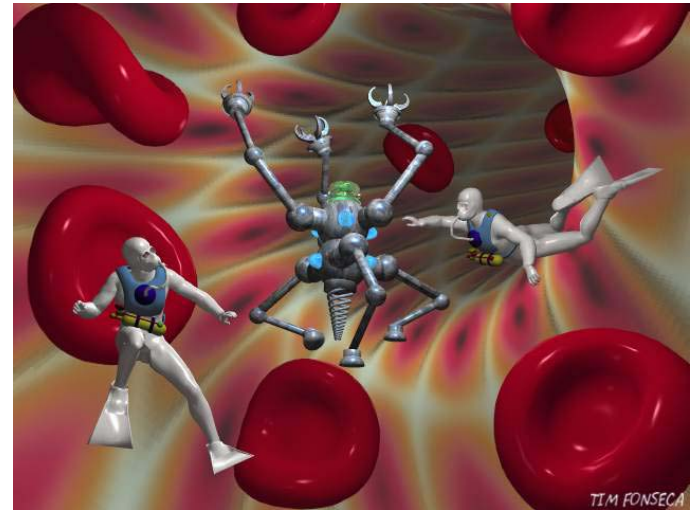
By C.A. Haberzettl, *Nanotechnology* **13** (2002) 9-13

Or

Dumb (or Evil) Nanobots..

“...self-replicating microscopic robots,
the size of bacteria, fill the world and
wipe out humanity...”

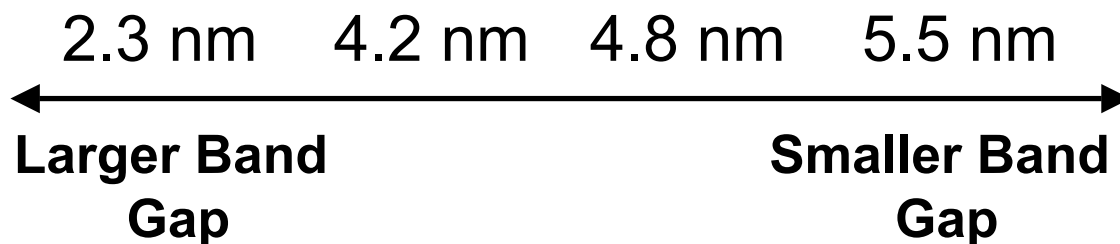
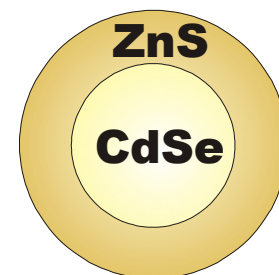
By B.J. Feder *The New York Times*, August 2002



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Optical Properties of Semiconductor Nanoparticles



Courtesy of Bawendi and Coworkers.



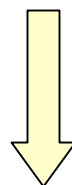
Composition Matters



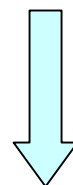
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Spheres
~100 nm



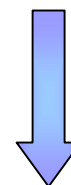
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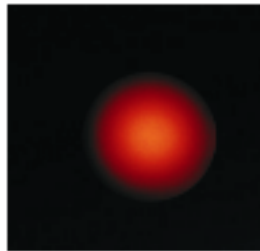
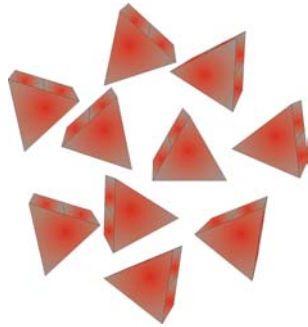
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~26 nm



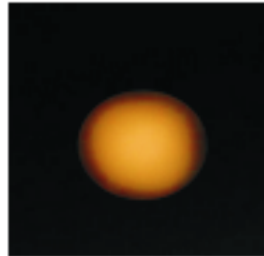
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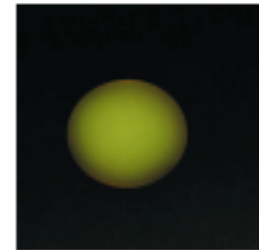
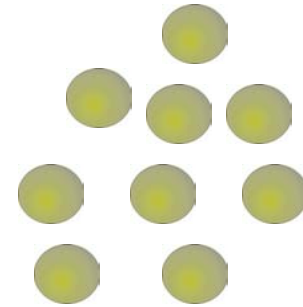
Shape Matters



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Triangles
~90 nm



Au
Rods
~100 nm

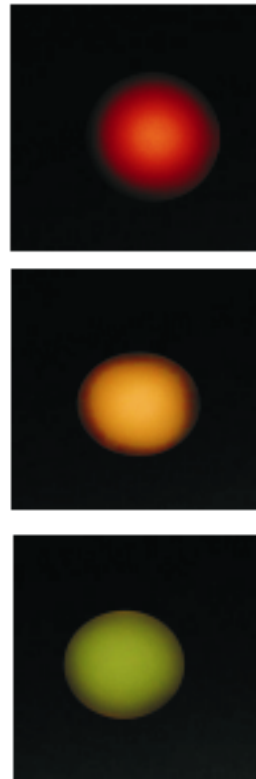


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Spheres
~50 nm



The First Technological Application

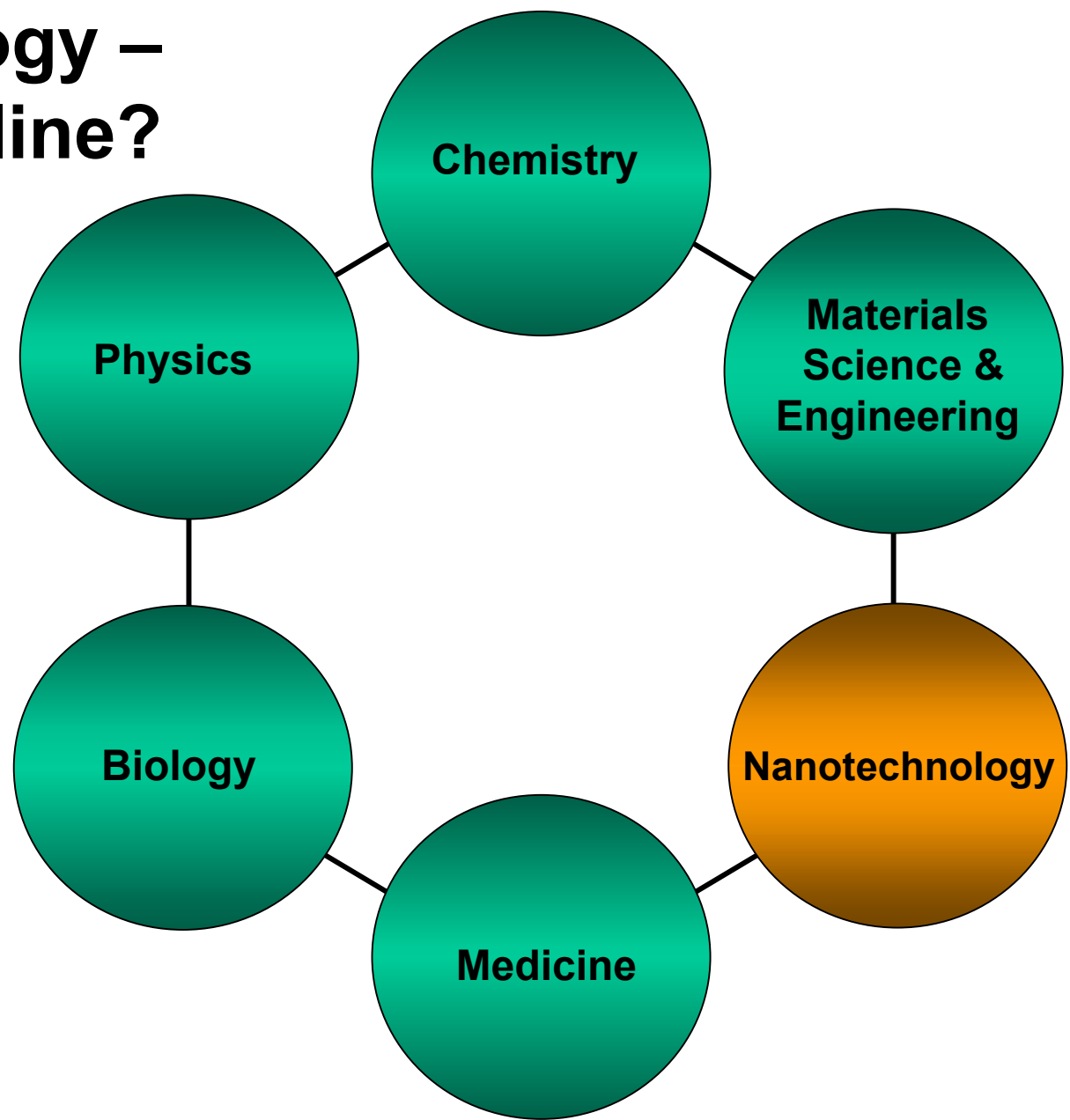
“The Nano-Stoplight”



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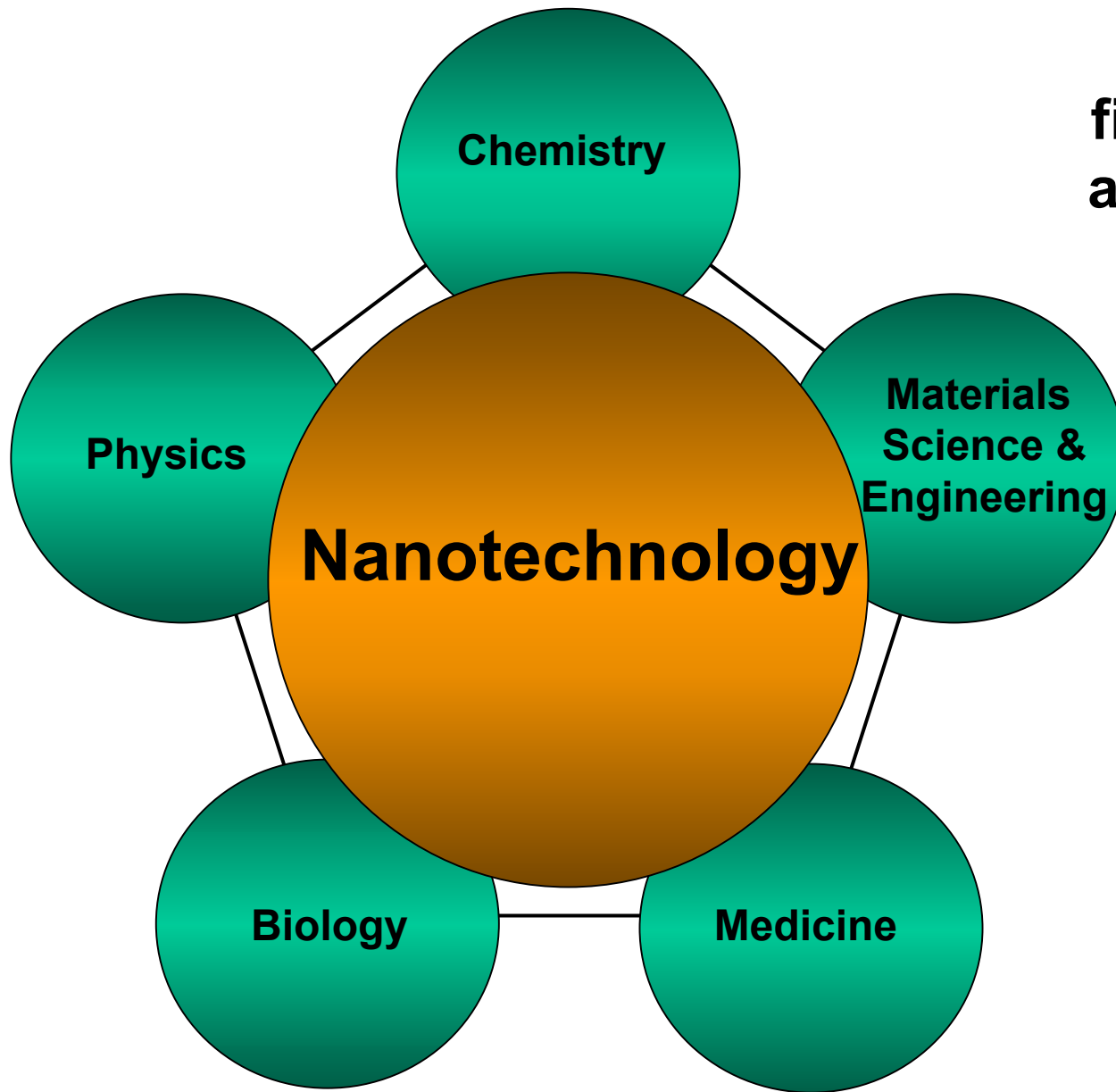
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Nanotechnology – A New Discipline?



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**A tool driven
field that impacts
all subdisciplines**

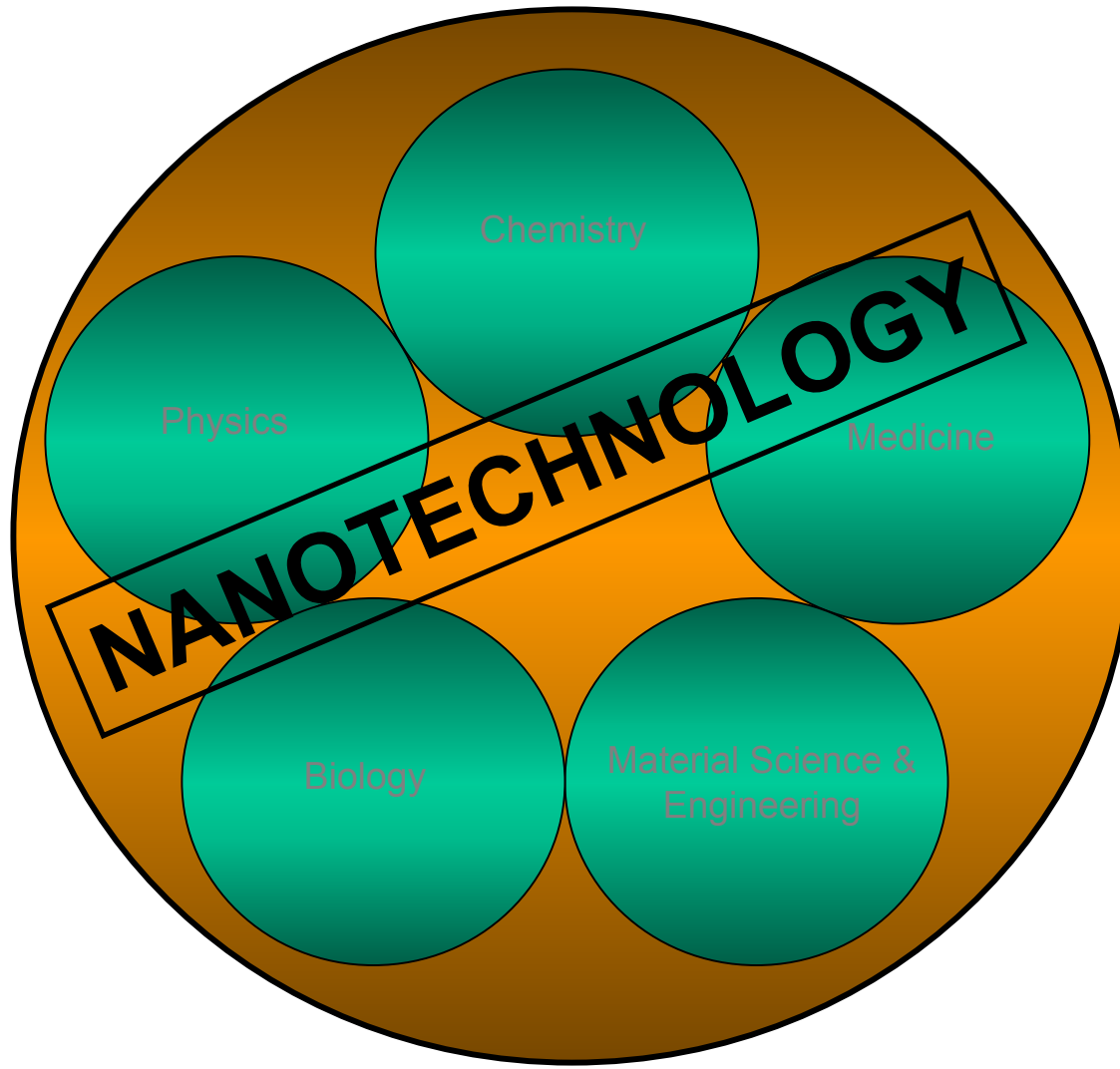
**The revolution
is a new way of
thinking about
and doing all
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engineering
that is enabled
by these tools.**



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Nanotechnology Encompasses All Fields



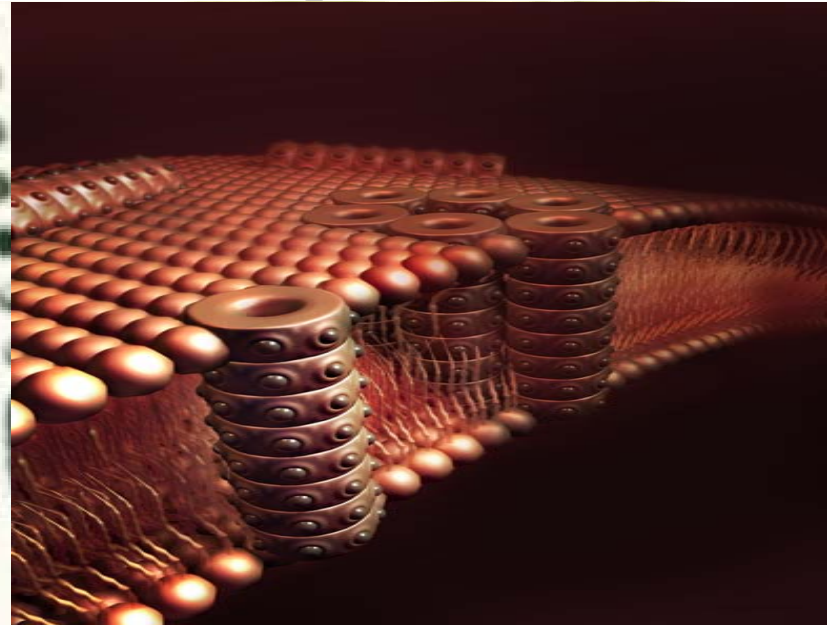
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Economic Impact Areas

- **Diagnostics**
- **Drug Delivery**
- **Materials Design**
- **Electronics/Computers**

“Nano-features on Silicon”
“Nanotube Assemblies as Antibiotics”



V Ghadiri et. al., *Nature*, 412, 452, 2001
Manz, et. al., Imperial College, London

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(NAMS) 2000**



**Nanoscale
Science &
Engineering
Center
(NSEC) 2001**

**Center for
Transportation
Nanotechnology
(CTN) 2000**

**Multidisciplinary
Research
Initiative
(MURI) 2000**

**Defense University
Research Initiative
on Nanotechnology
(DURINT) 2000**



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NU NSEC Mission

**To advance the progress of science,
engineering, and related education in
the realm of nanoscience and
nanotechnology and to develop a center
of excellence in the area of
nanopatterning and detection science
and technology**



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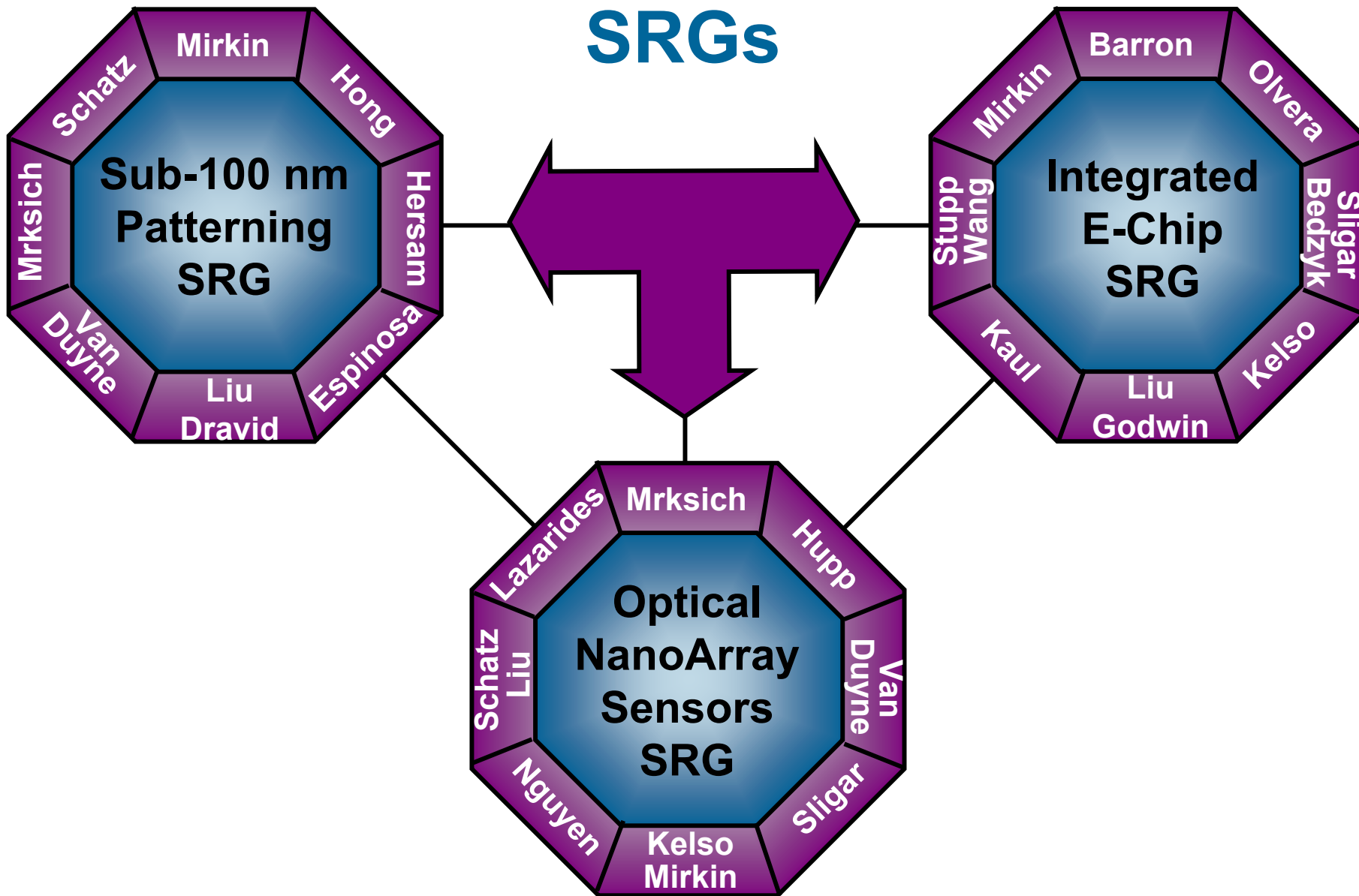
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Center Goals

1. Address complex, interdisciplinary challenges in nanoscale science and engineering through the development of state-of-the-art nanopatterning tools -- with an emphasis on detection science and technology
2. Provide an effective and comprehensive educational program which fosters a lifelong interest in science and technology by teaching people of all ages about nanoscience and nanotechnology
3. Support effective partnerships with industry, government labs, and other users of research outcomes



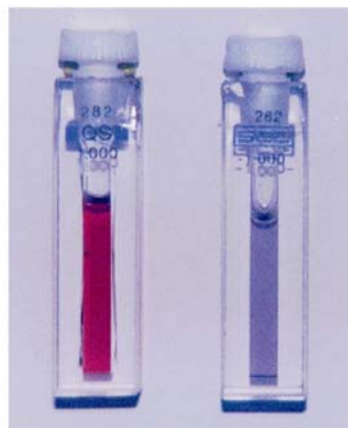
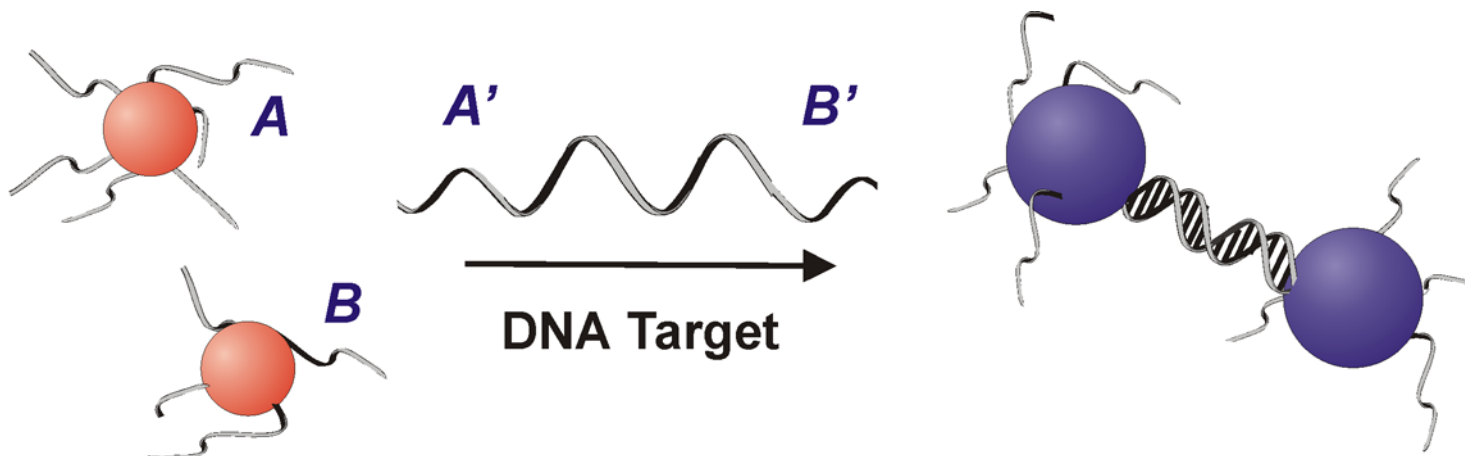
SRGs



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DNA Detection with Nanoprobes



without
target with
target



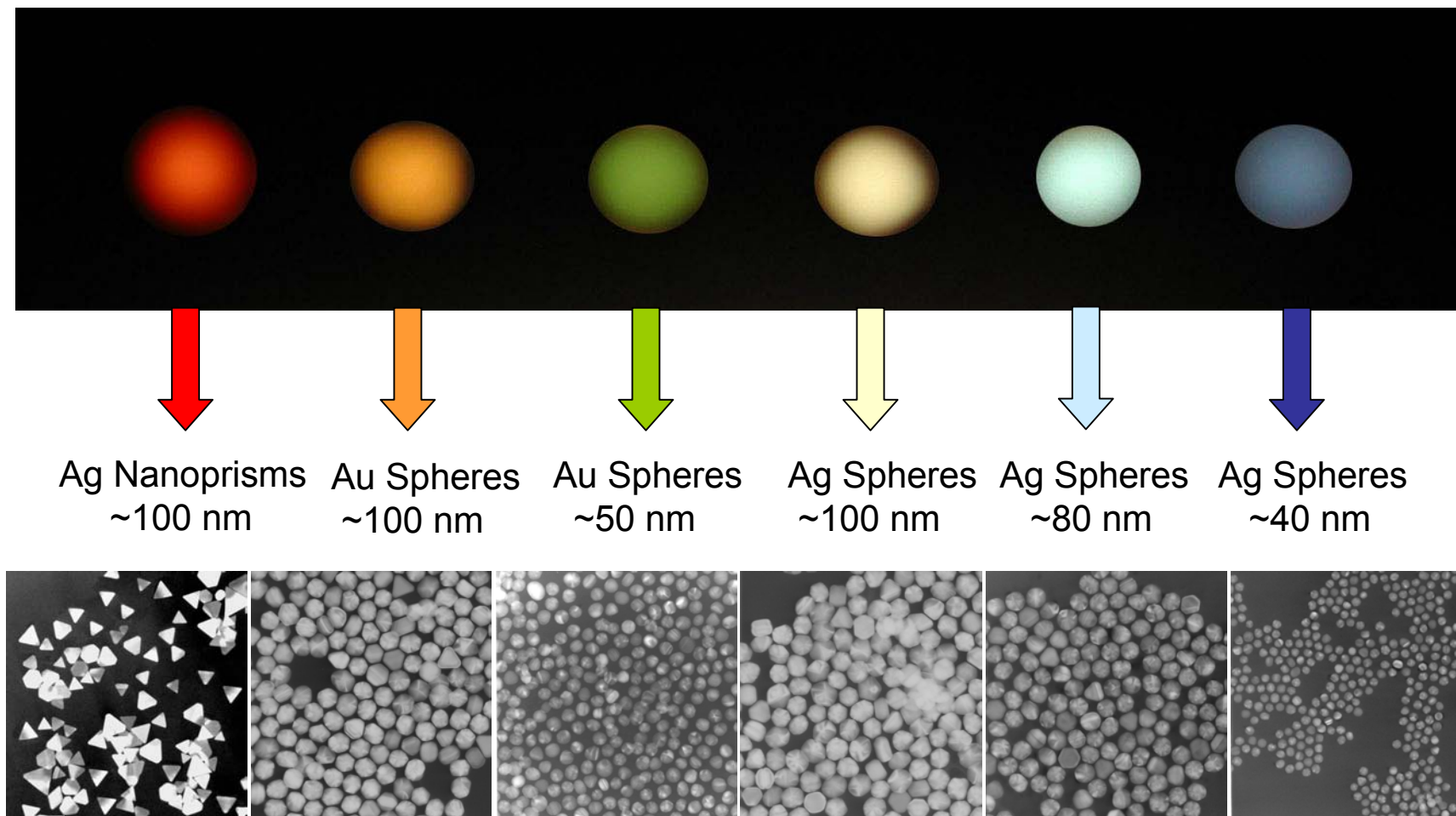
DNA Litmus Test



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Rayleigh Light Scattering of Nanoparticles: Size, Shape, and Composition Matters



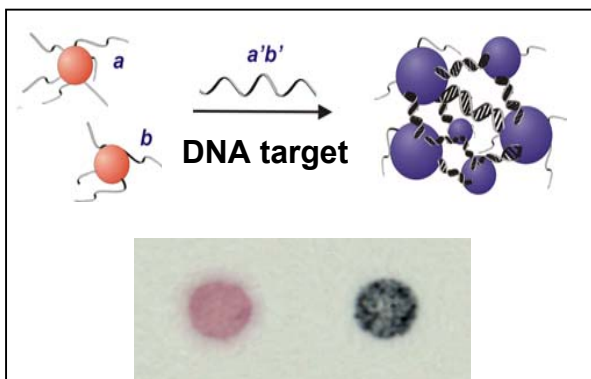
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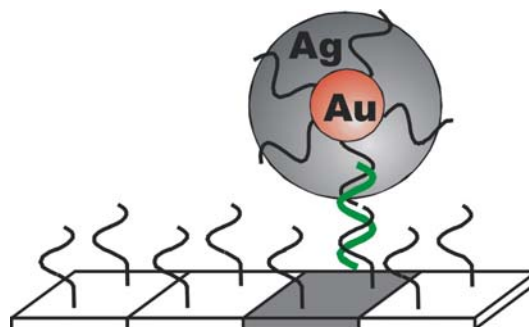
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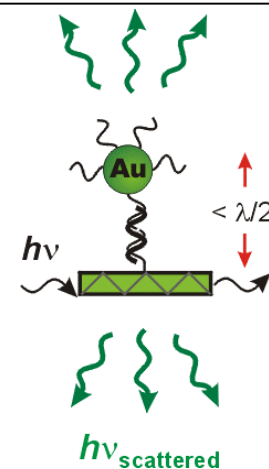
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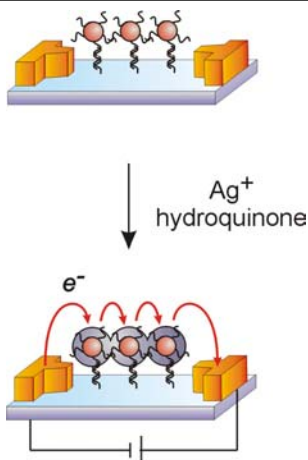
Spot Test
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JACS, 1998



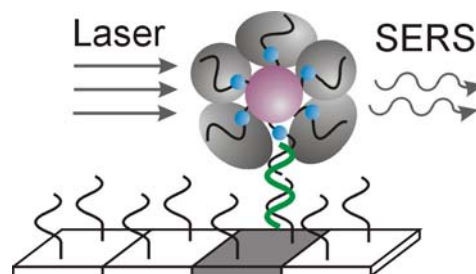
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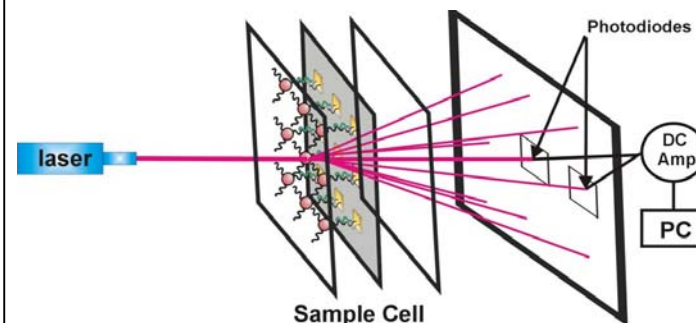
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Electrical
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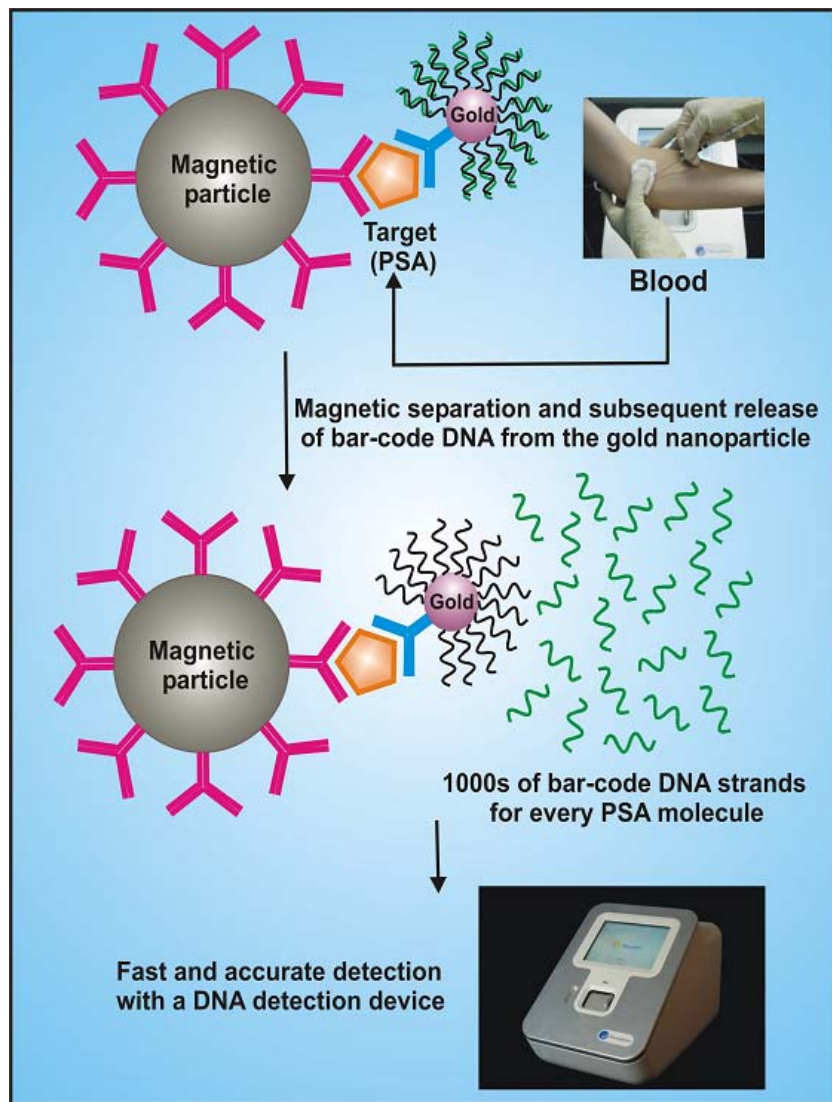


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“Biobarcodes”

Published in *Science*
September 26, 2003.



The technology: An assay for protein biomarkers that can screen for many targets simultaneously with 6 orders of magnitude greater sensitivity than clinical ELISA-based assays.

Payoff: PCR-like sensitivity for protein markers – it will revolutionize protein-based diagnostics much like PCR revolutionized DNA diagnostics.

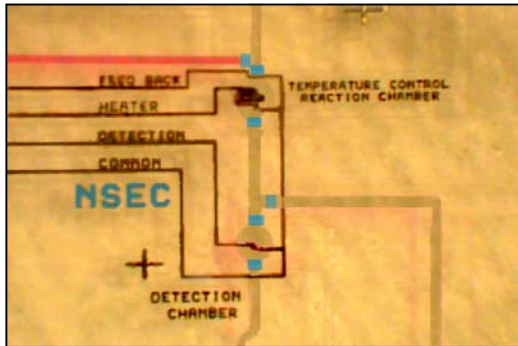
Working with Nanosphere, Inc. (Northbrook, IL) to commercialize the technology (target: 2 years).



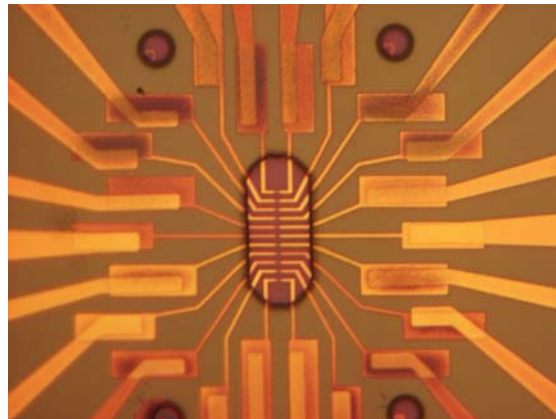
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Can these advances in nanoscience be translated into the world's first generally useful point-of-care diagnostics systems for biomarkers?



**Sample Handling and
Microfluidics**



**Micro- and
Nanofabrication of
Hardware**



Device Fabrication

**Device
Integration**

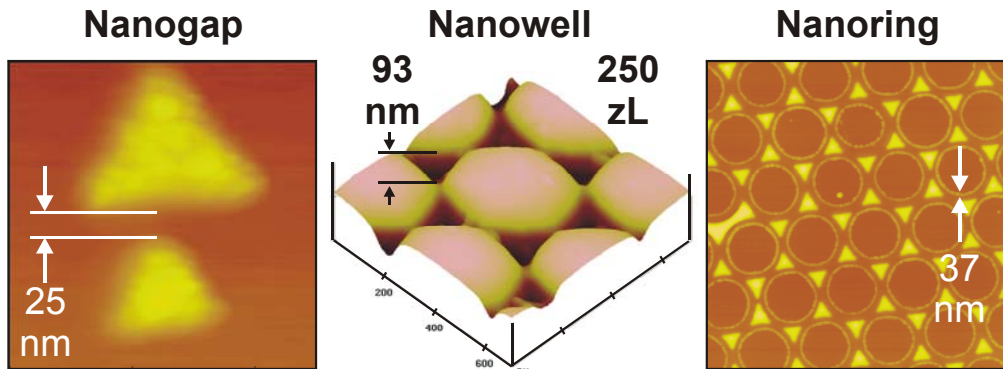


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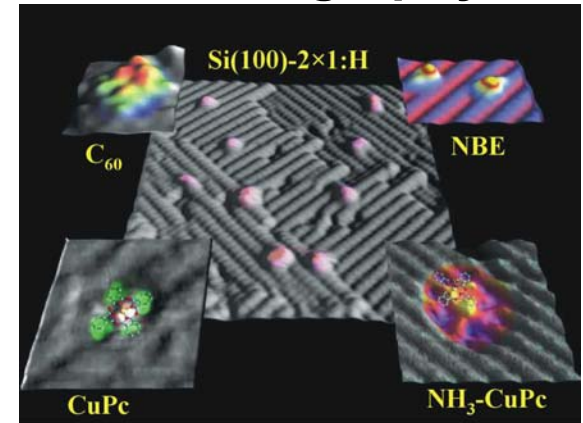
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Nanolithographic Tools Developed Within the NSEC

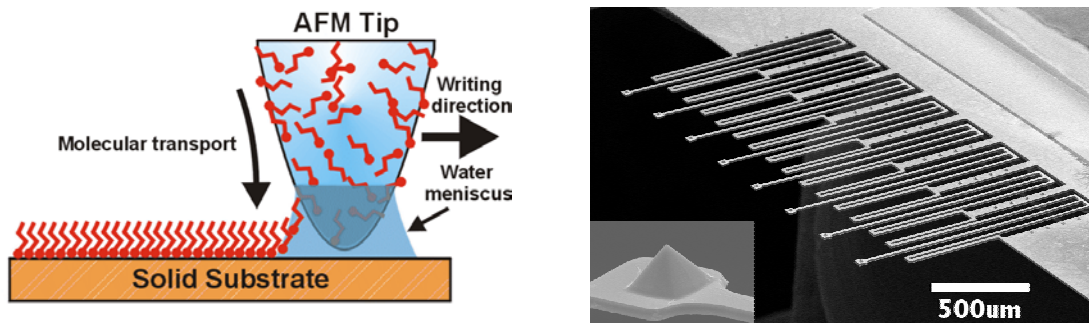
Nanosphere Lithography



Feedback Controlled Lithography



Dip-Pen Nanolithography



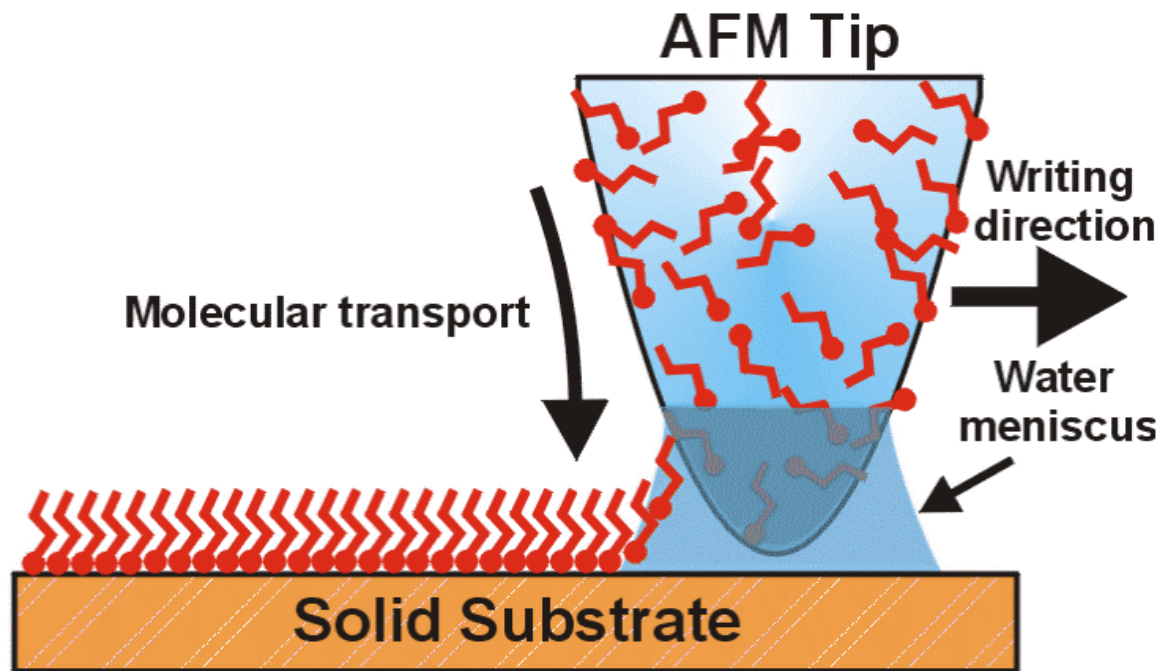
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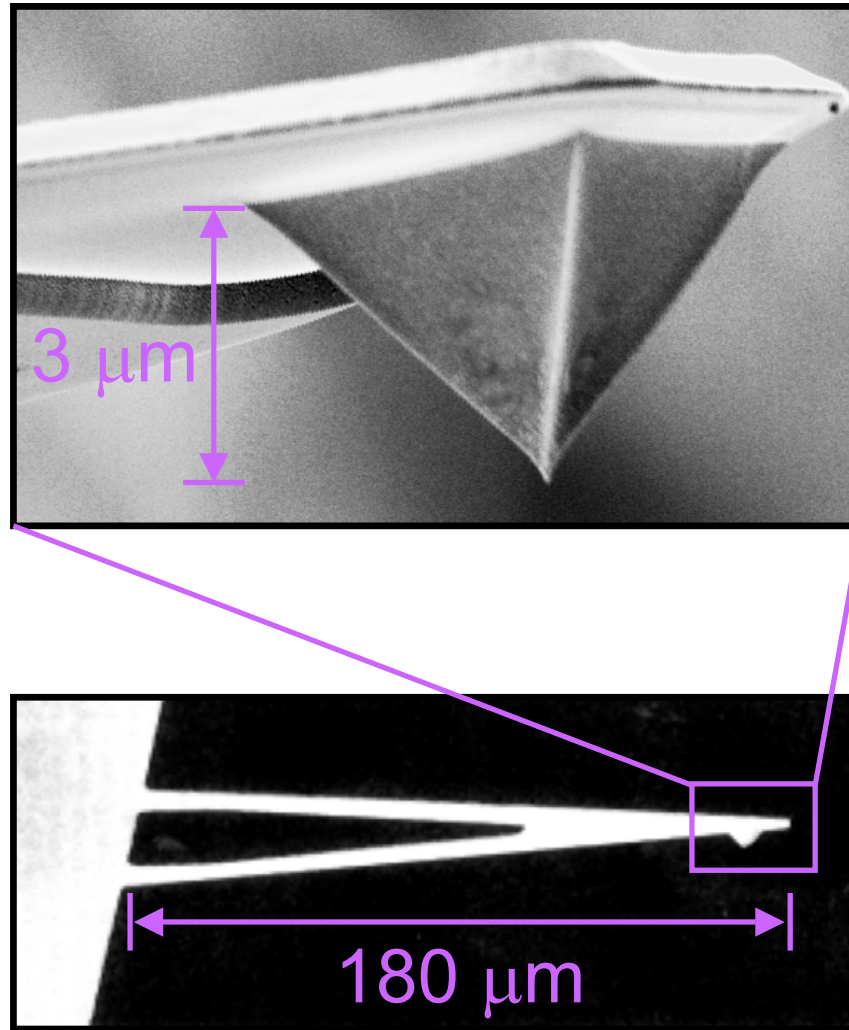
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Dip Pen Nanolithography (DPN)



Silicon Nitride AFM Tip



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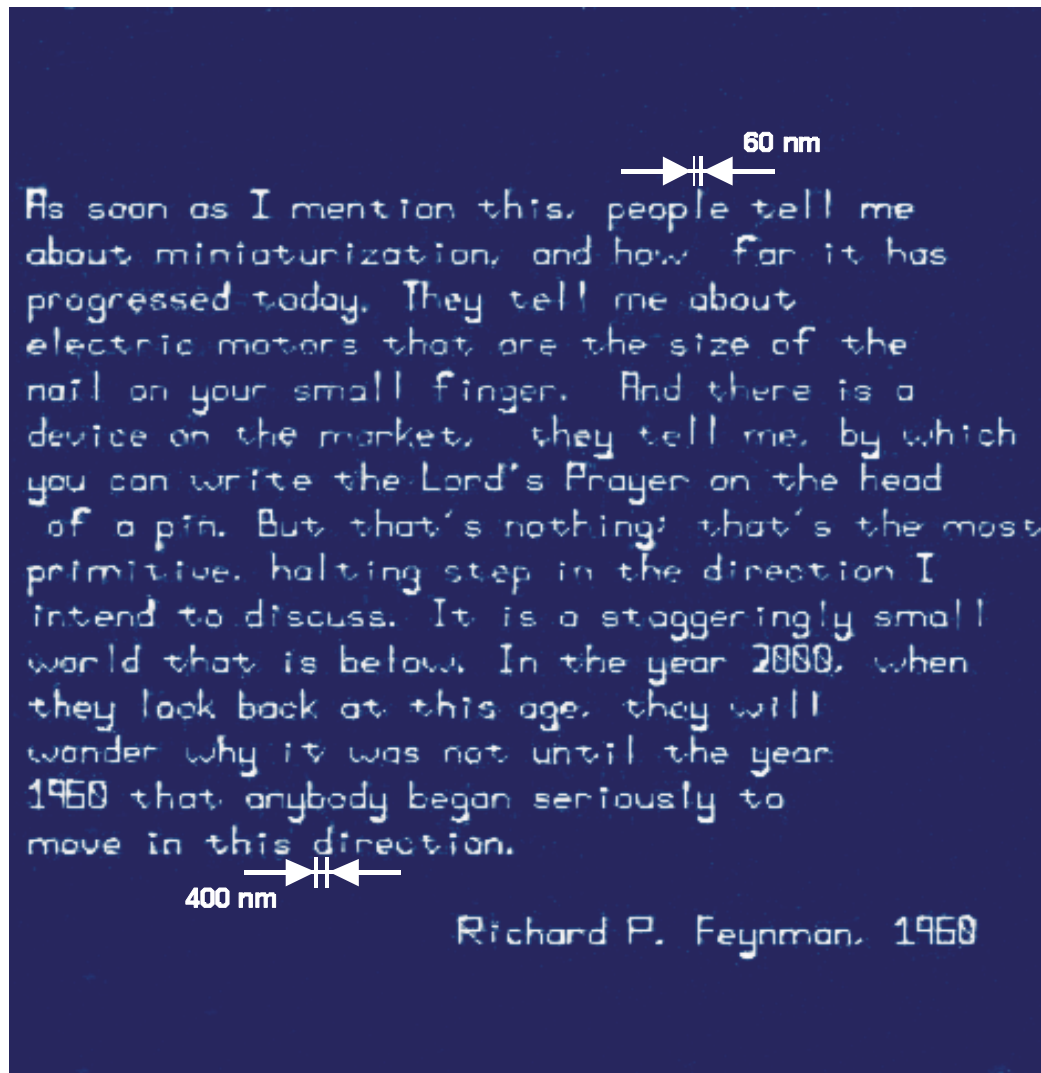
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Attributes of DPN

- Direct-write
- Positive printing
- High resolution
 - 10 nm linewidth resolution
 - ~5 nm spatial resolution
- Monolayer process
- Molecule general (organics and biomolecules)
- Substrate general (Au, SiO_x, GaAs)
- Multiple functionalities on one 'nano chip'
- Writing and imaging done with same tool
- Serial or parallel process
- Amenable to Massive Parallelization



An Automated Nanoplotter



The Evolution of the Pen

Macroscopic Pens

Quill



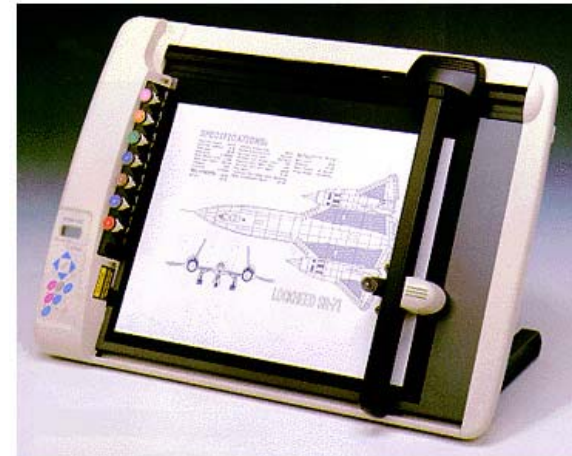
Fountain



Ball-Point



Multi-Pen Plotter



4000 years old

120 years old

60 years old

20 years old



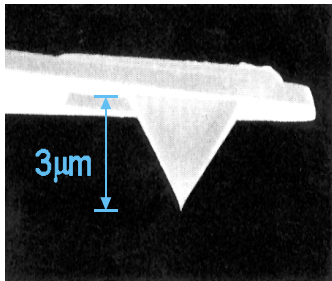
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The Evolution of Dip Pen Nanolithography

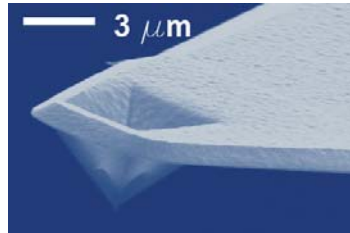
Nanoscopic Pens

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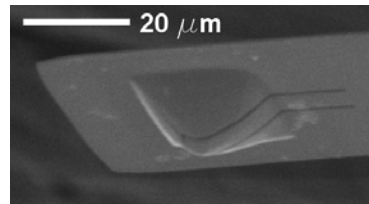
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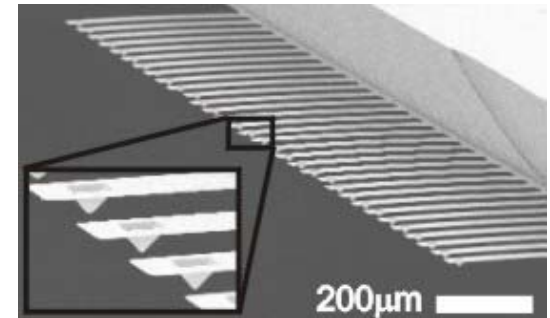
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“Ball-Point”



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32-Pen Nanoplotter



2002

How far can we go?

2003

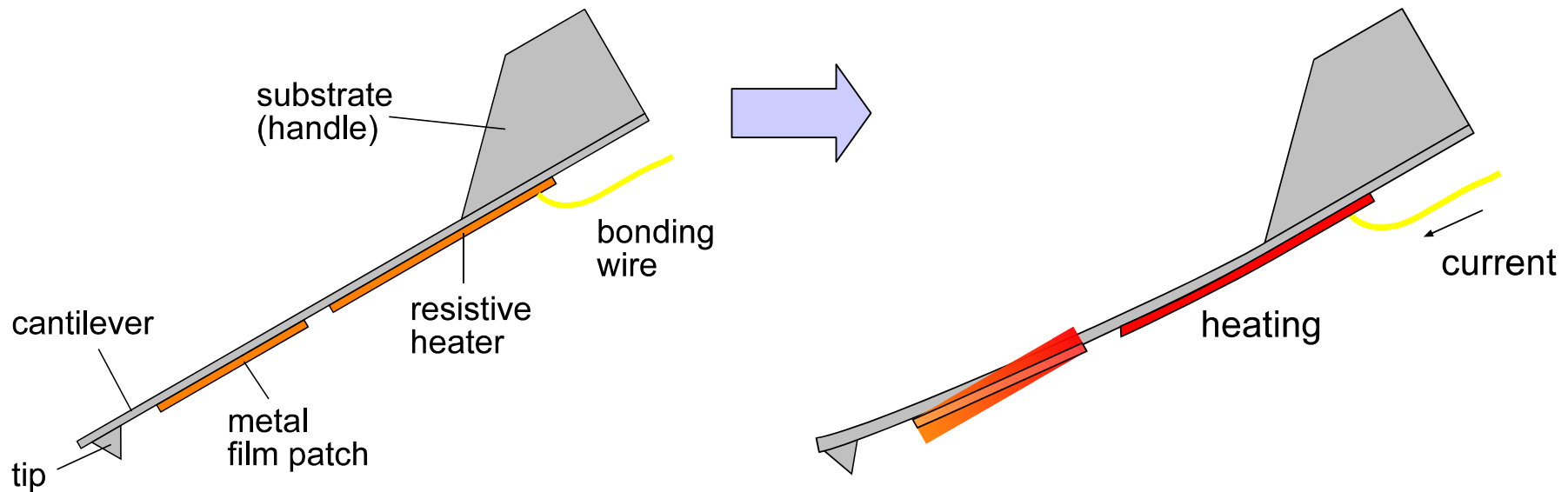
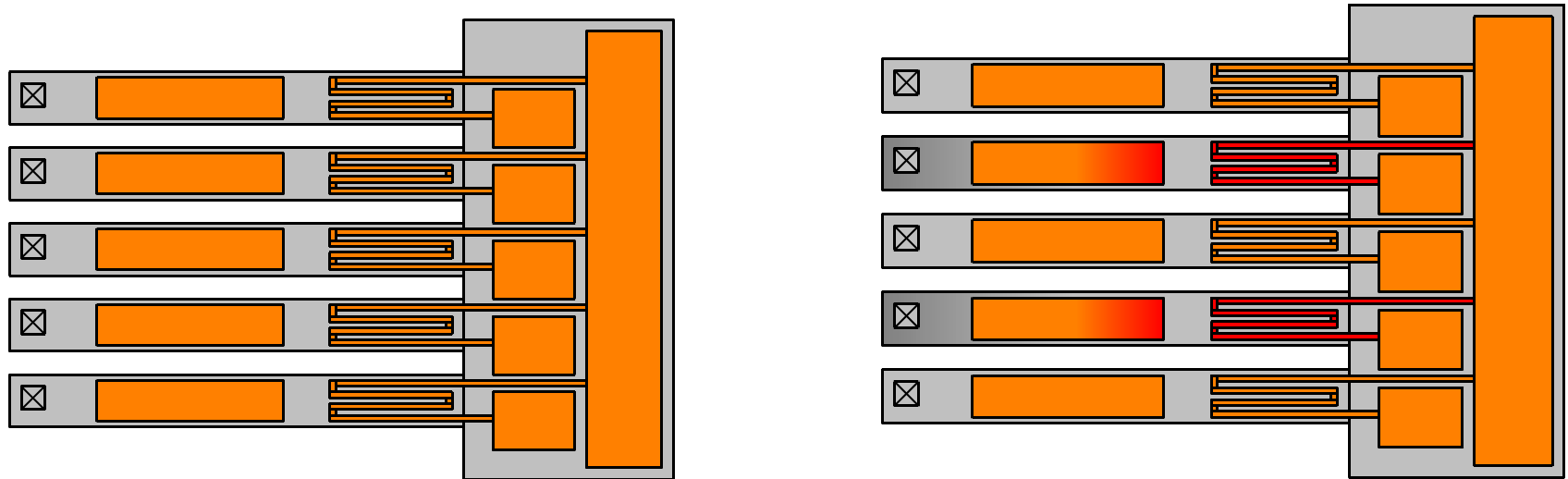
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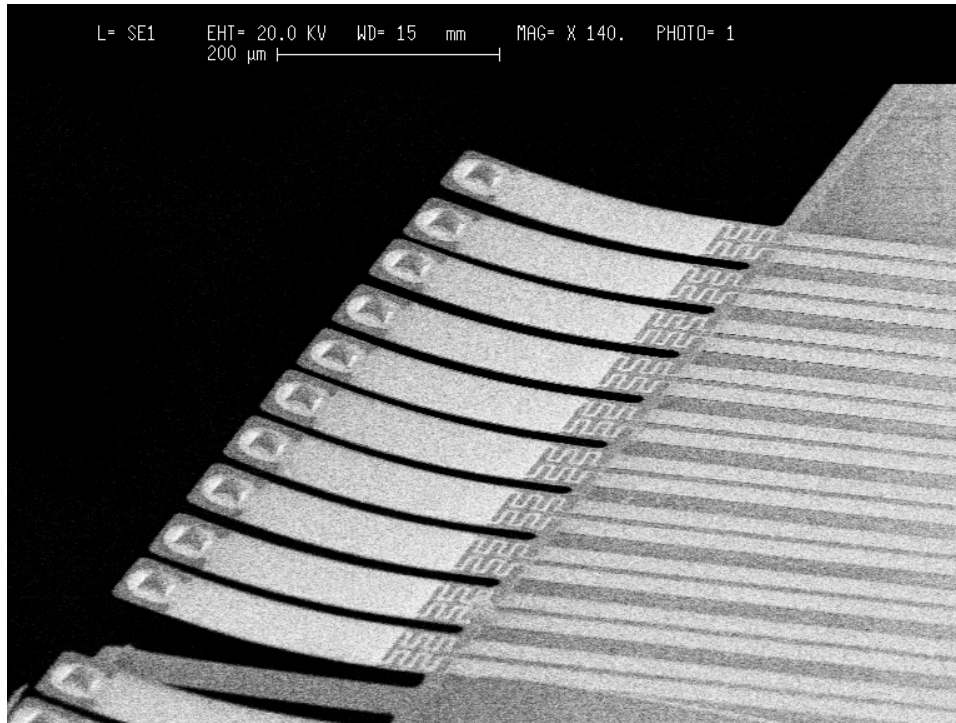
Thermal Bimetallic Actuation



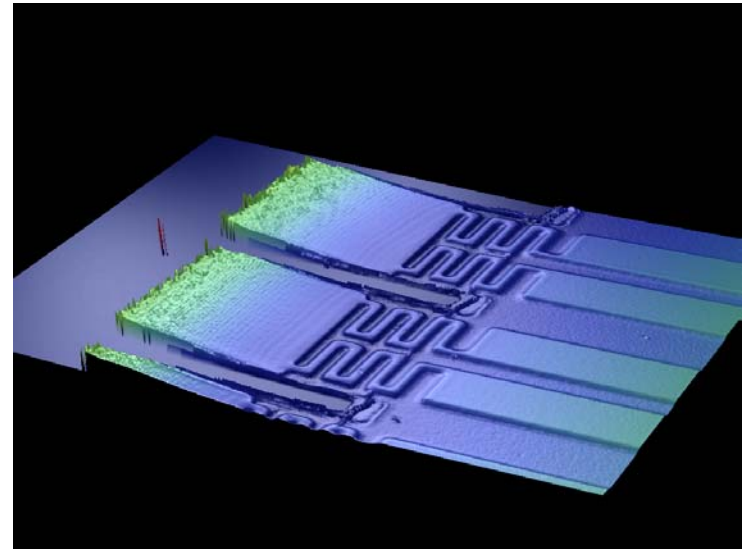
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Silicon Nitride Thermal Actuators



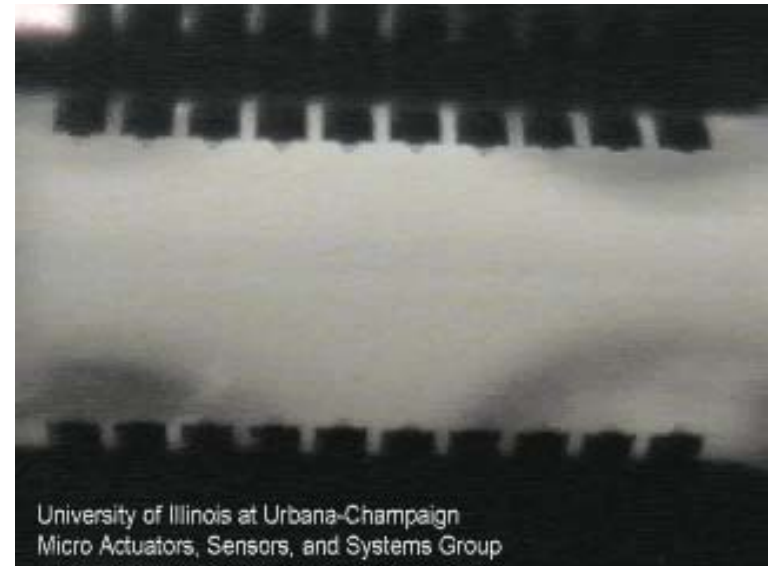
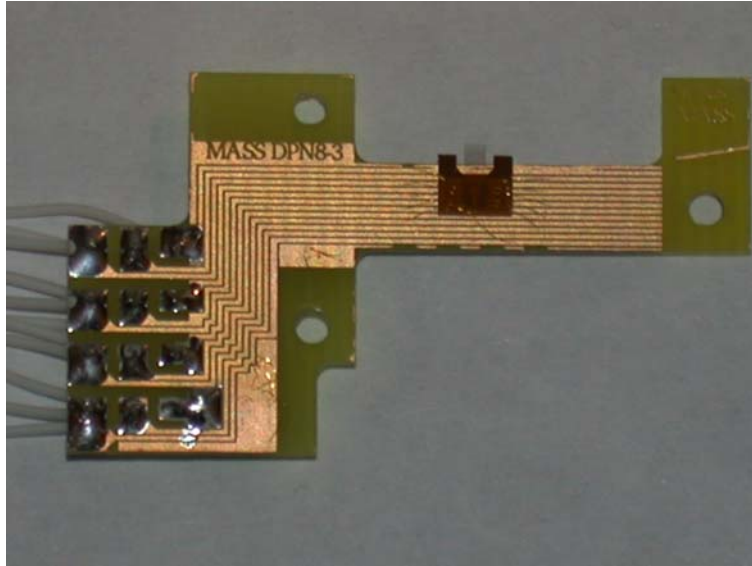
Probes are made of SiN thin film and the heaters are made of Au on a Cr adhesion layer.



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Real-Time Video of Active Probes



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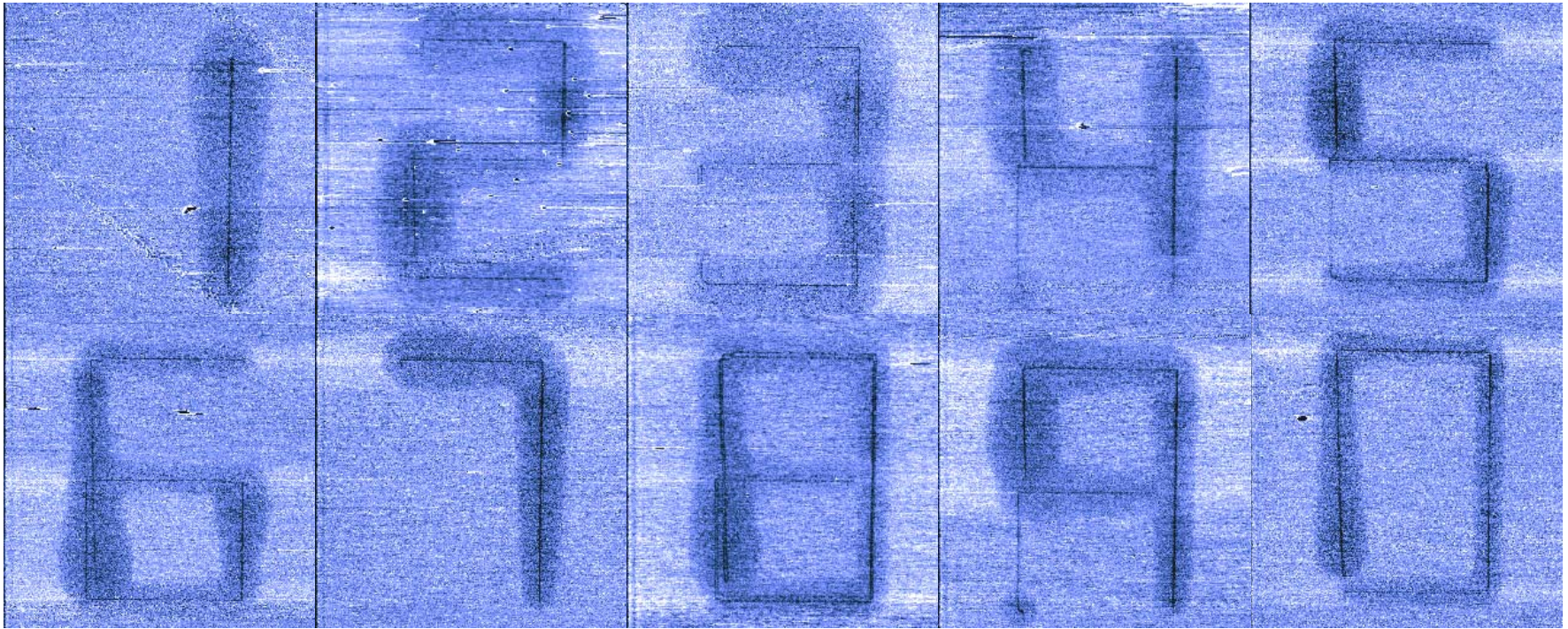
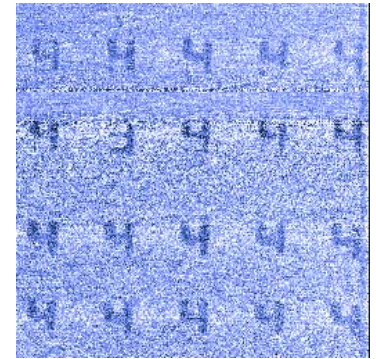
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Active TA-DPN Probe Lithography

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The scans are 8 μ m x 8 μ m. The block to the right is 70 μ m x 70 μ m.

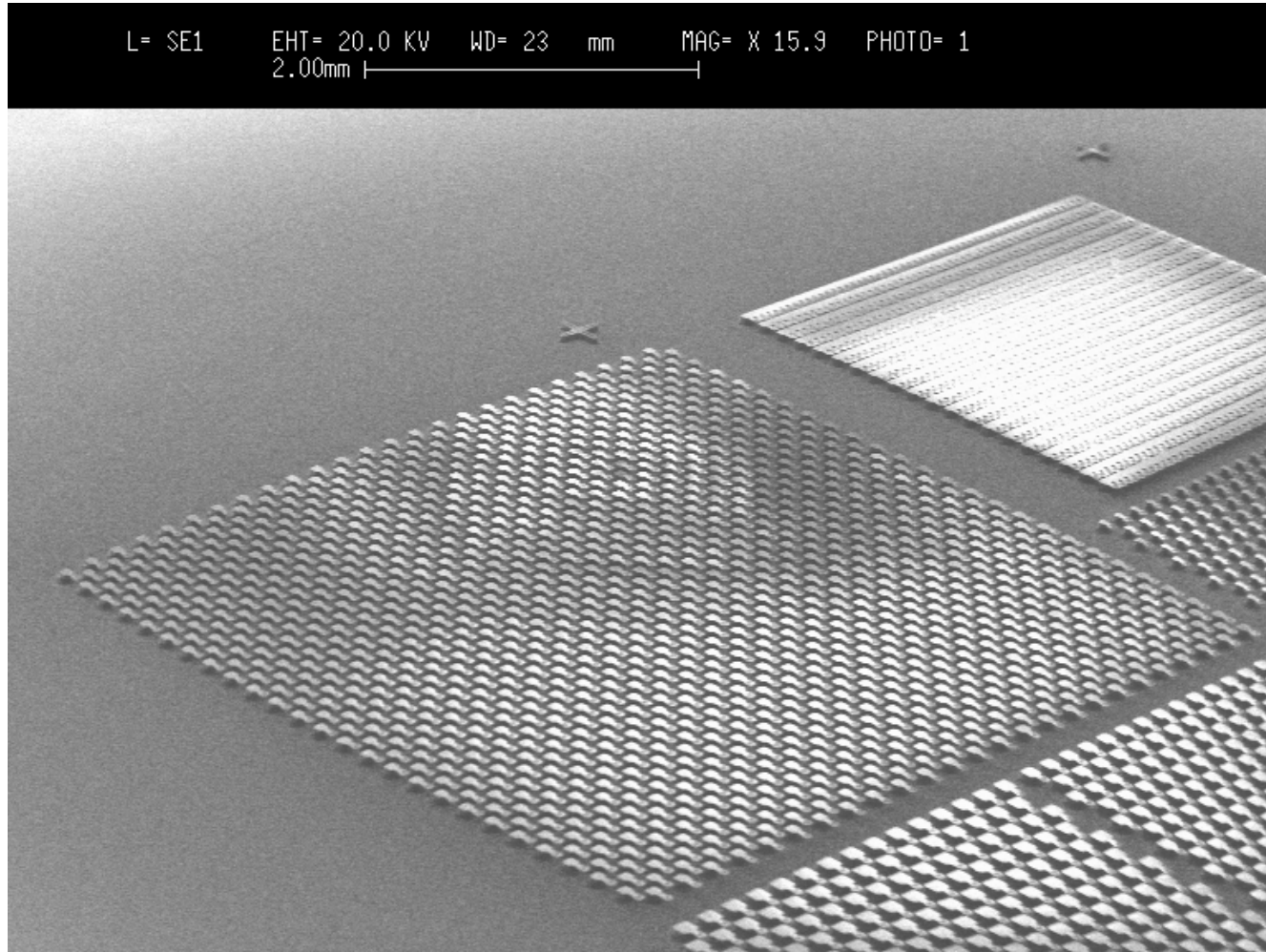
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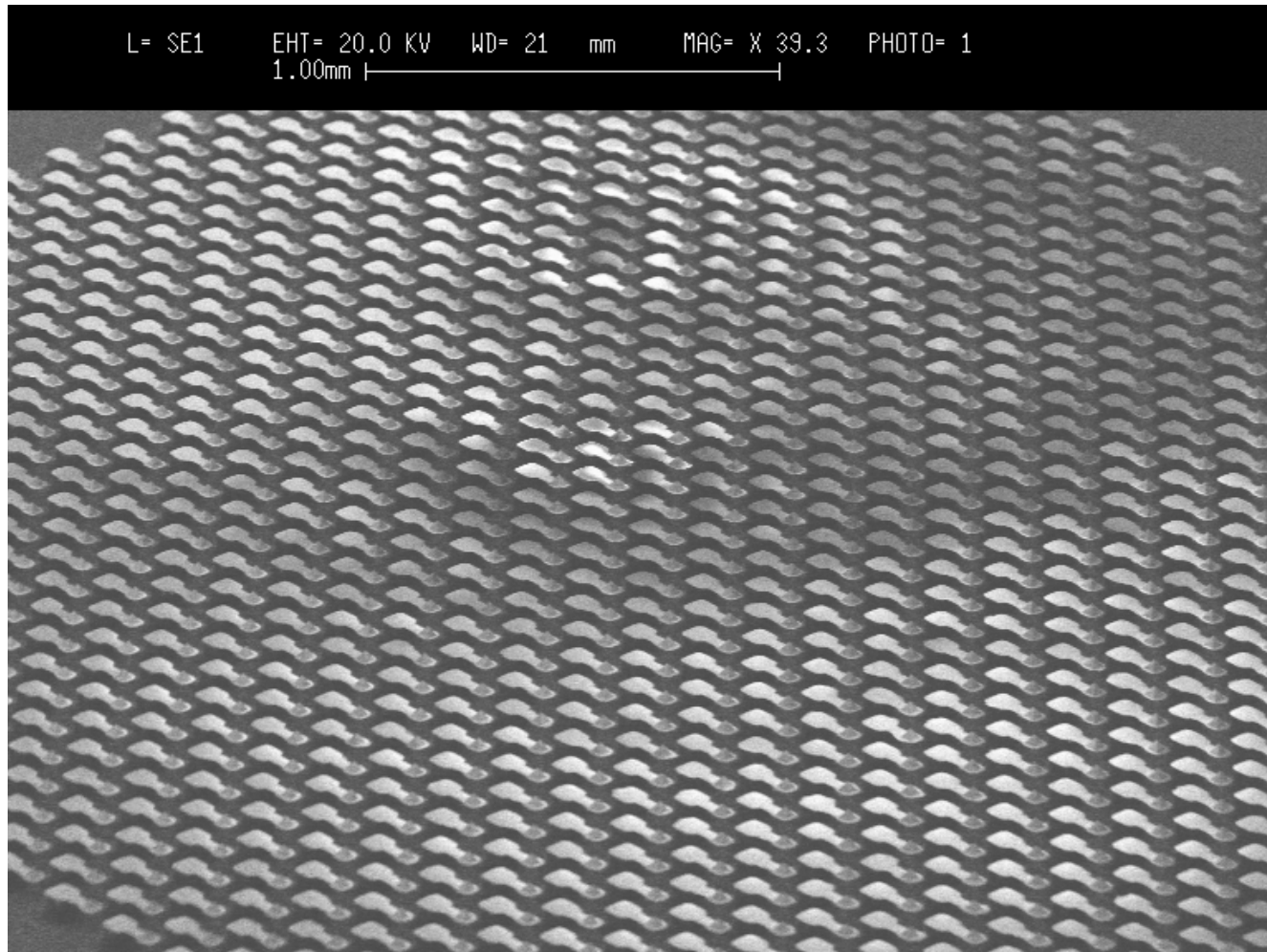
How Far Can We Go? SEM Photos of 2d Probe Array



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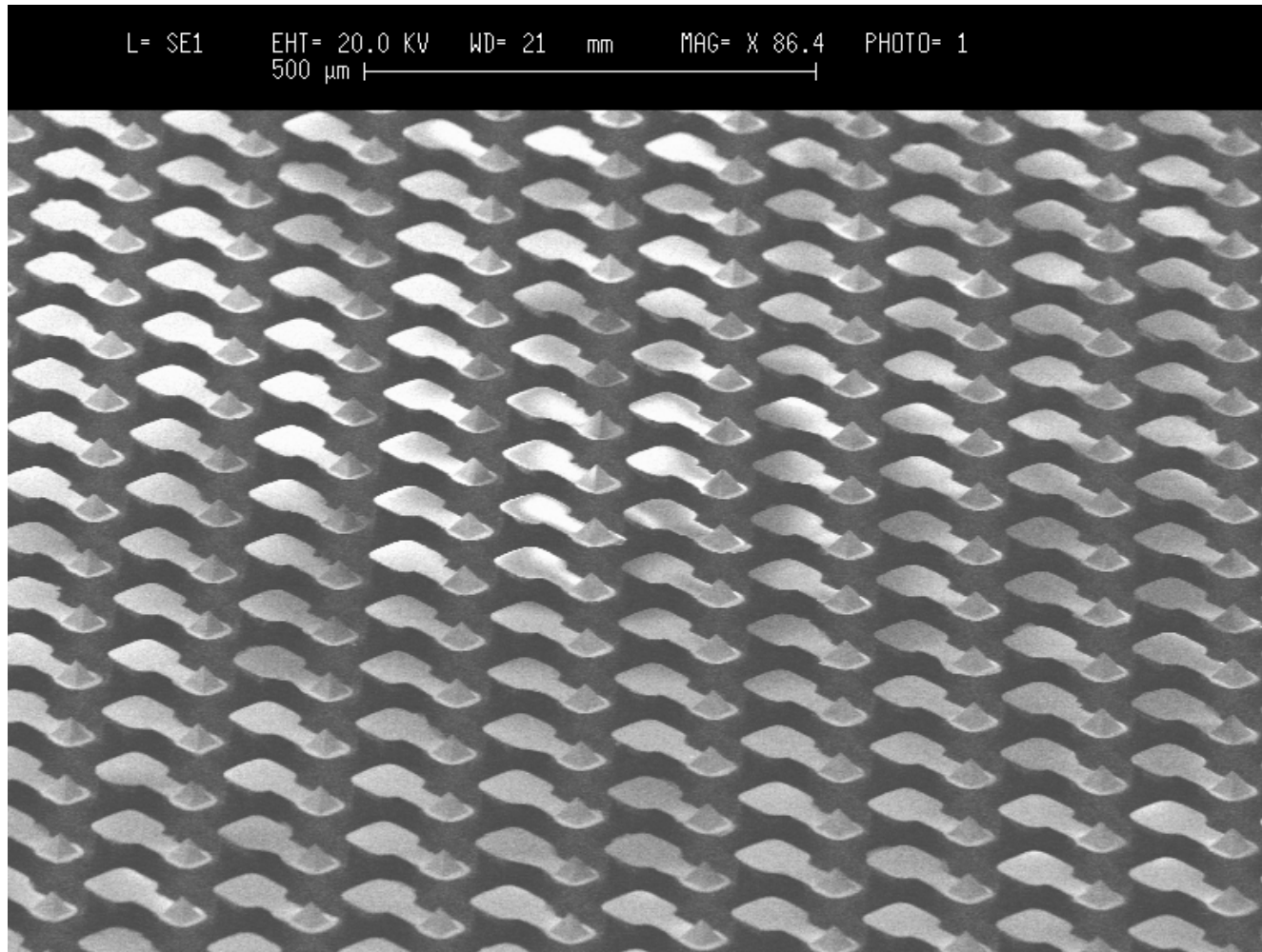
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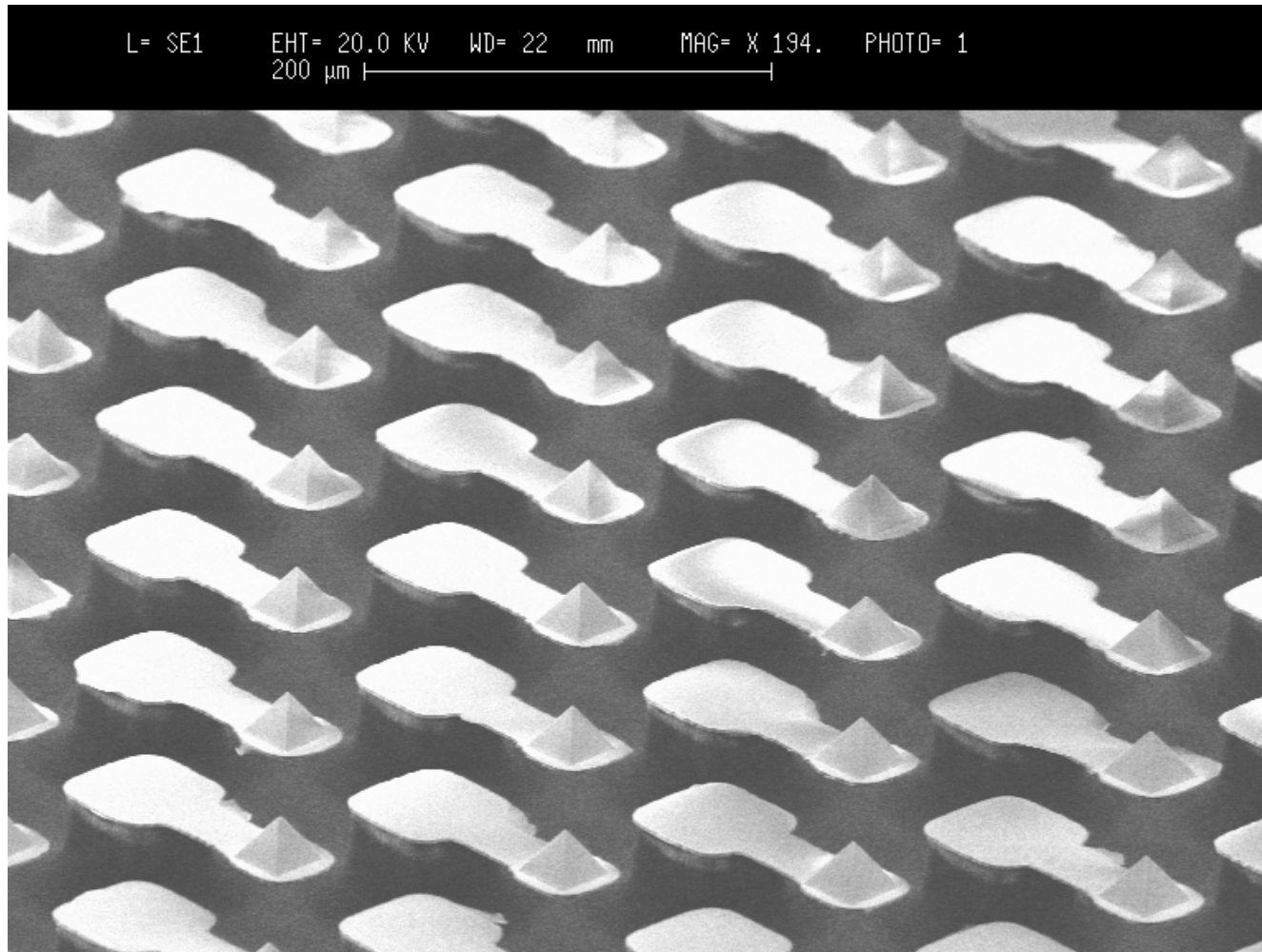
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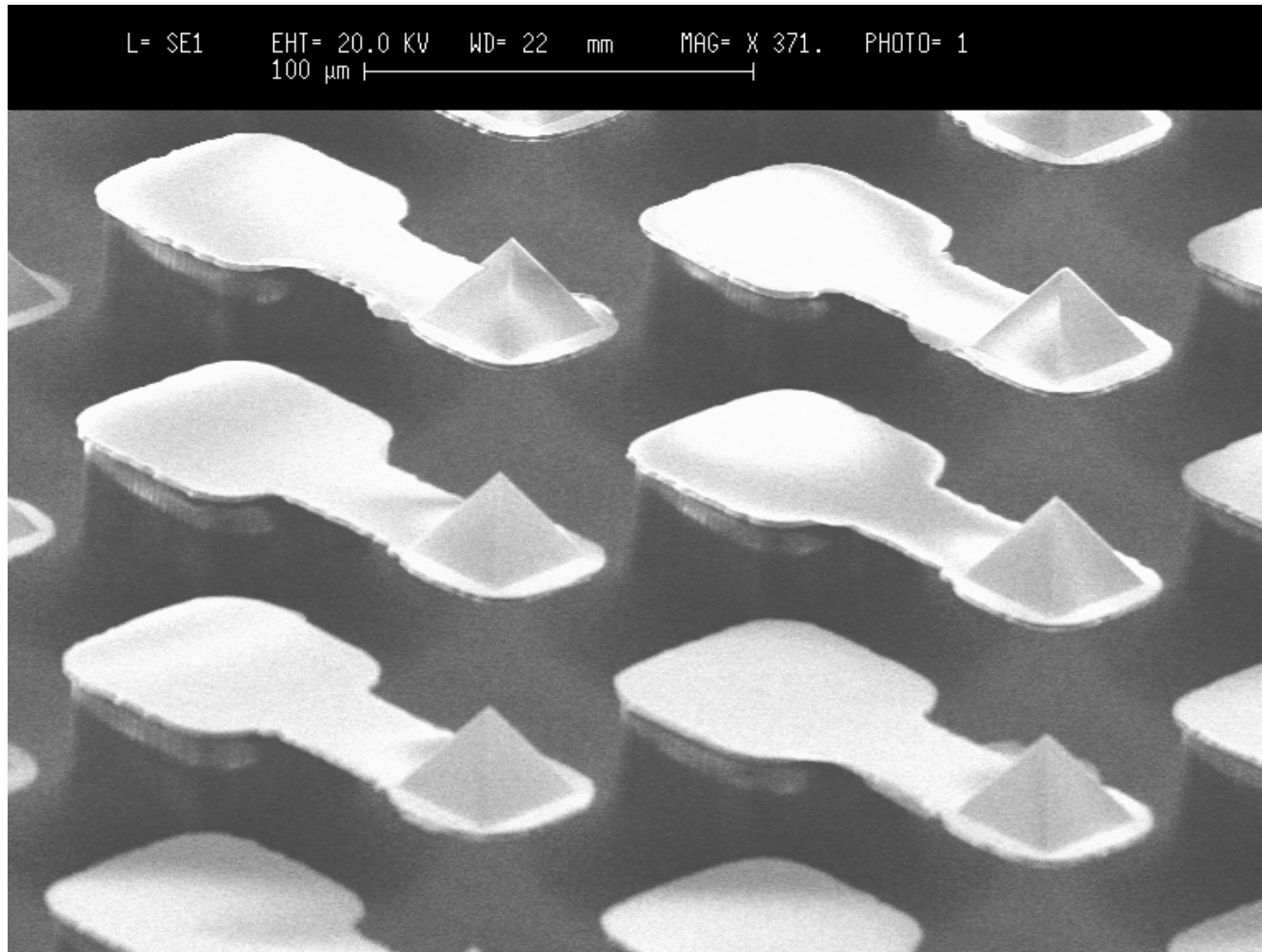
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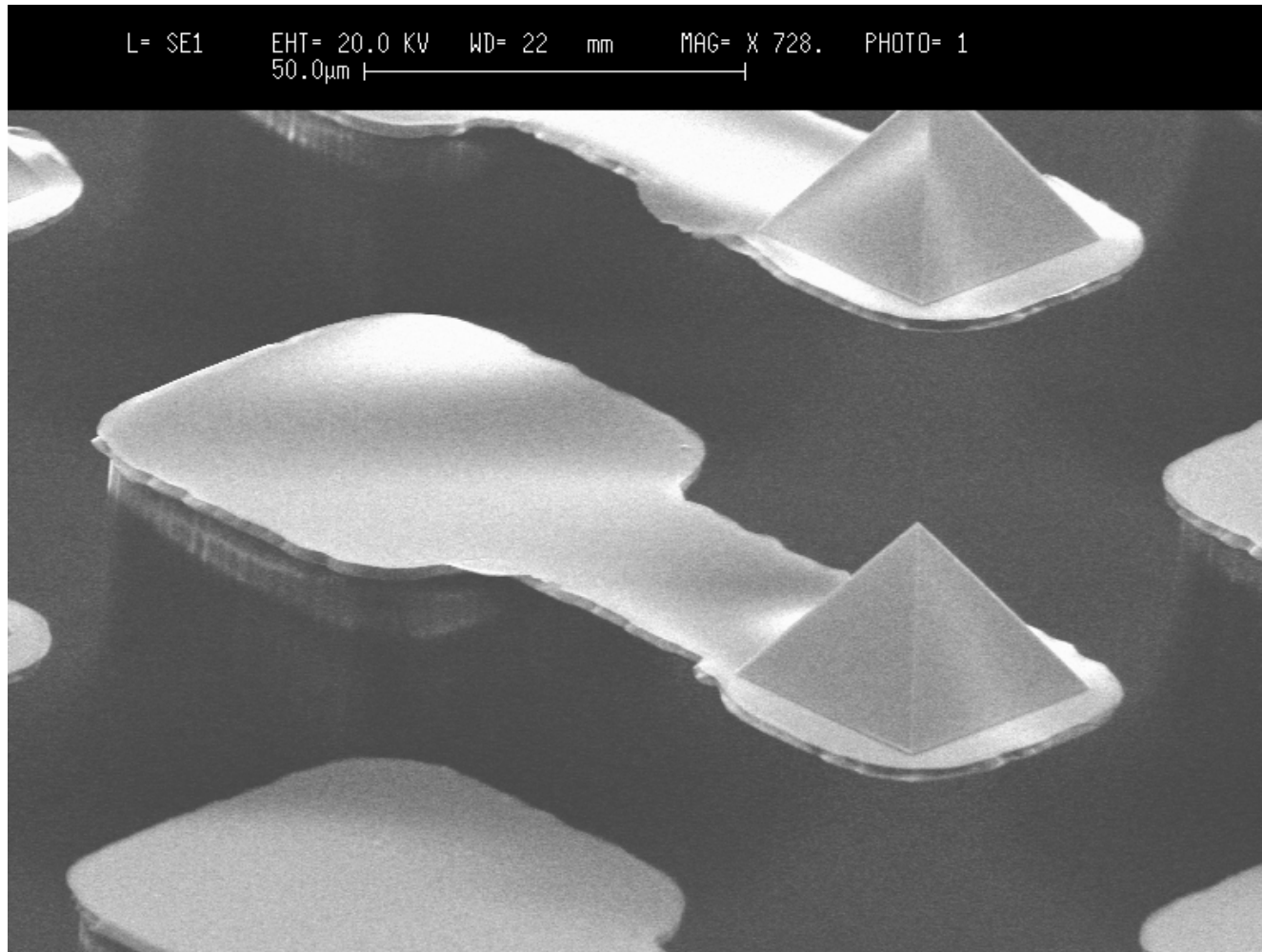
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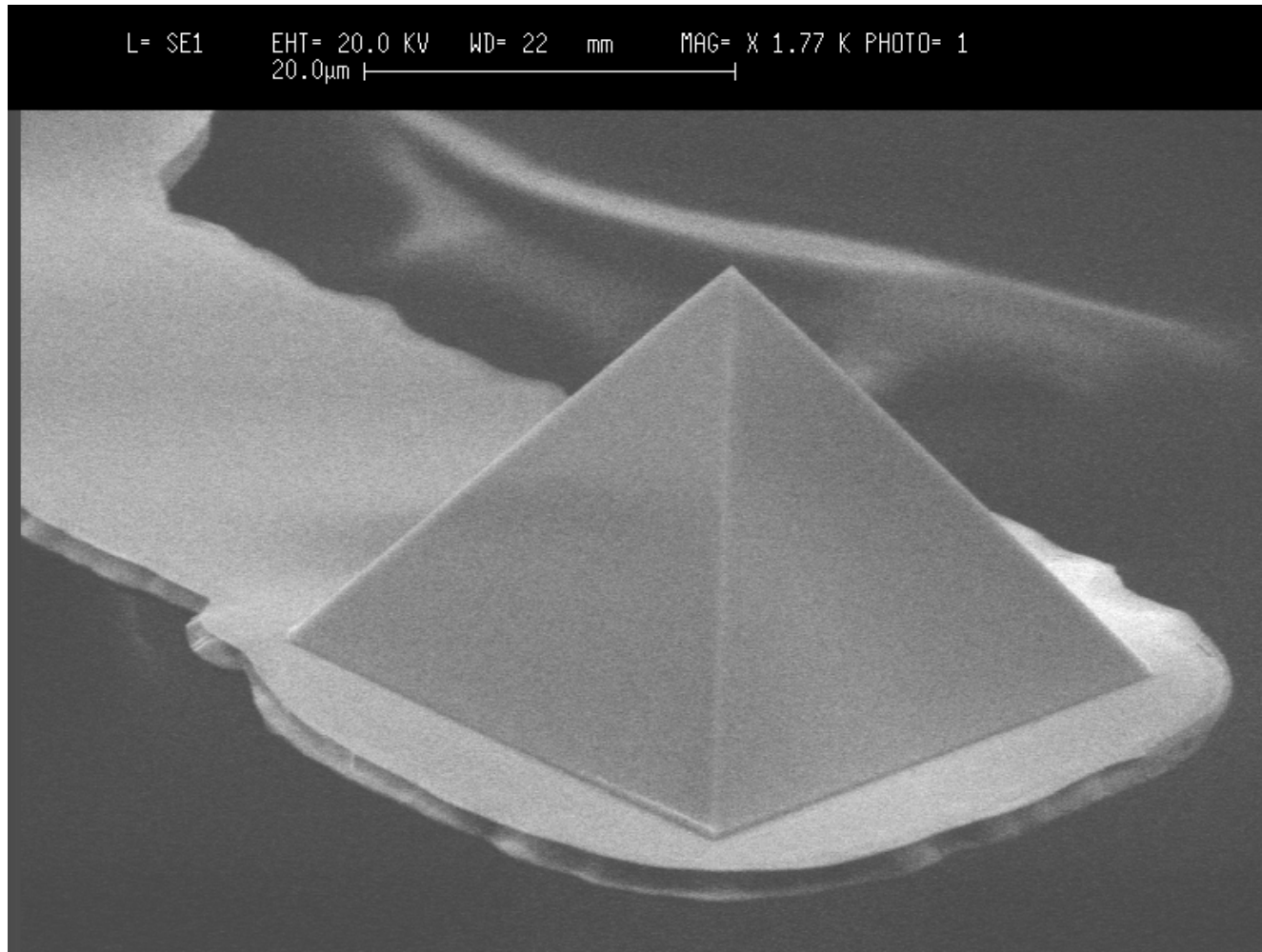
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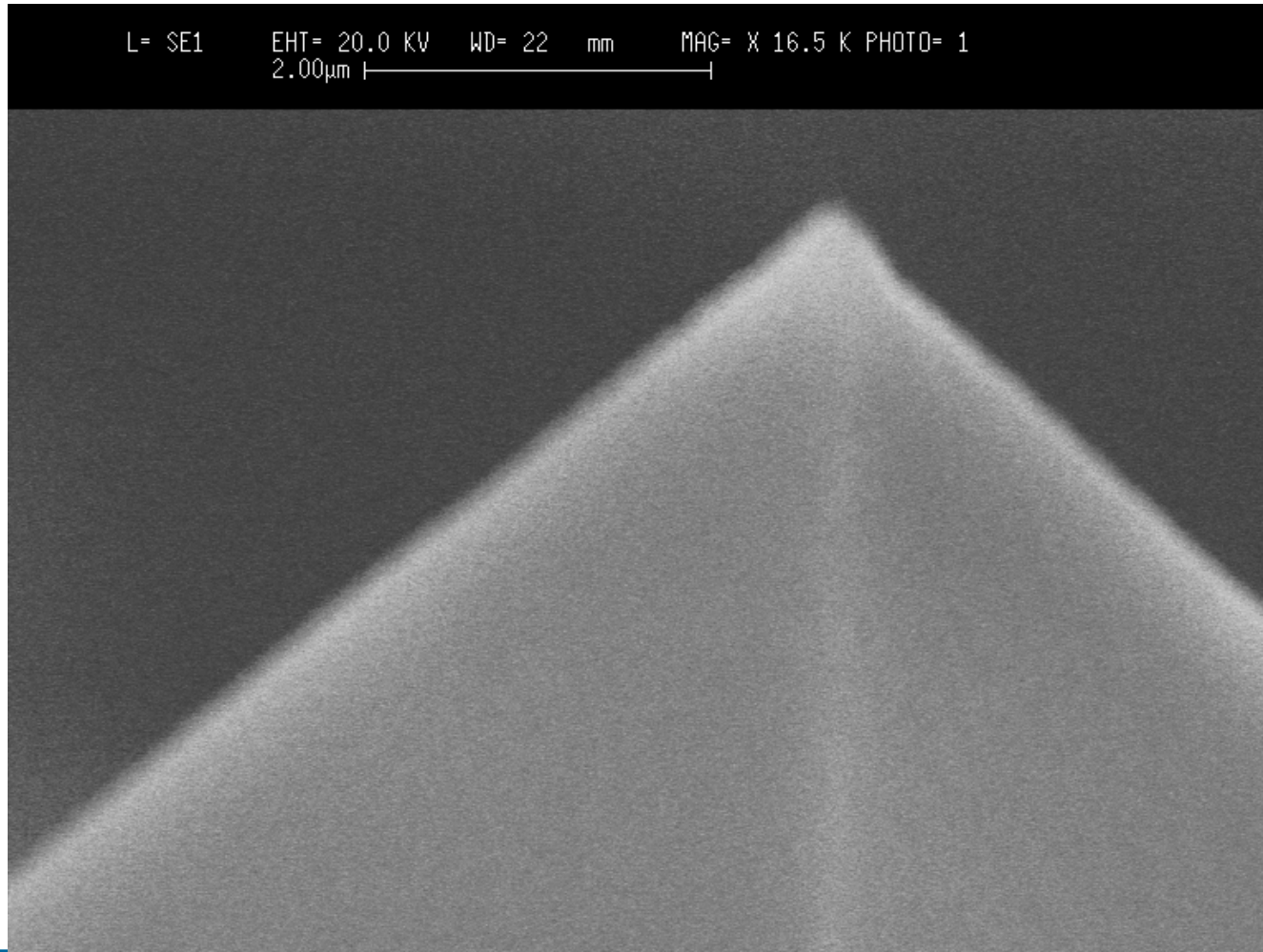
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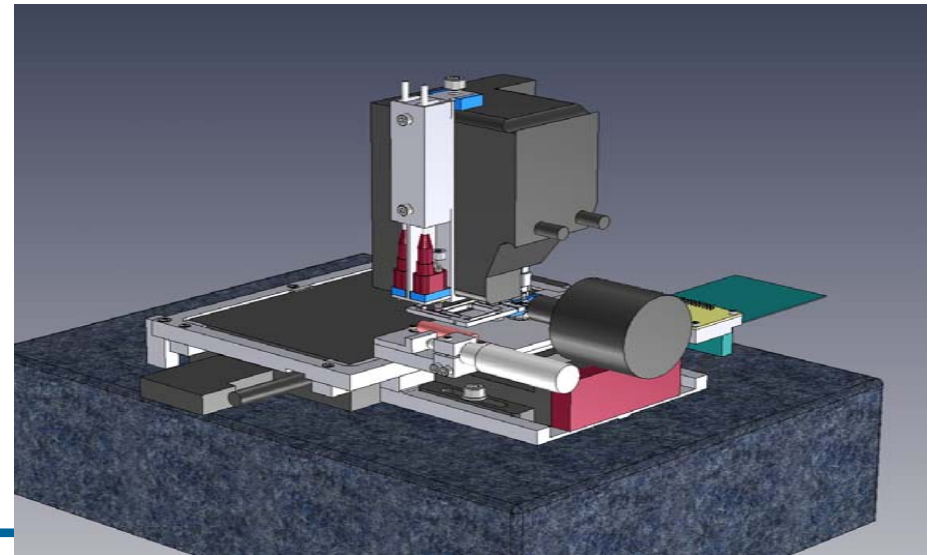
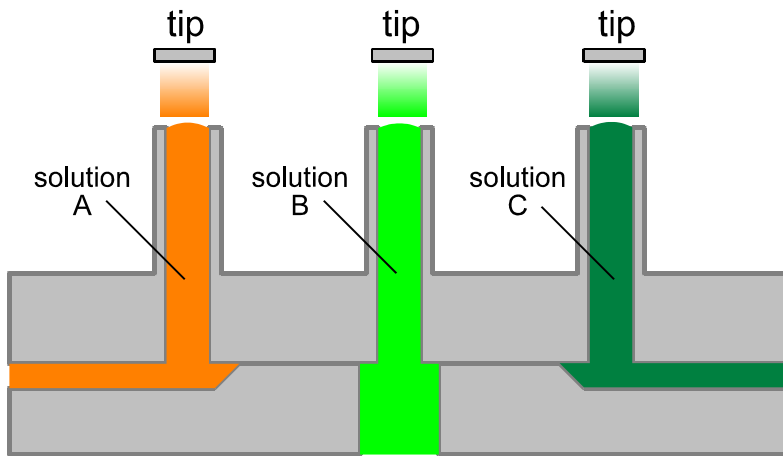
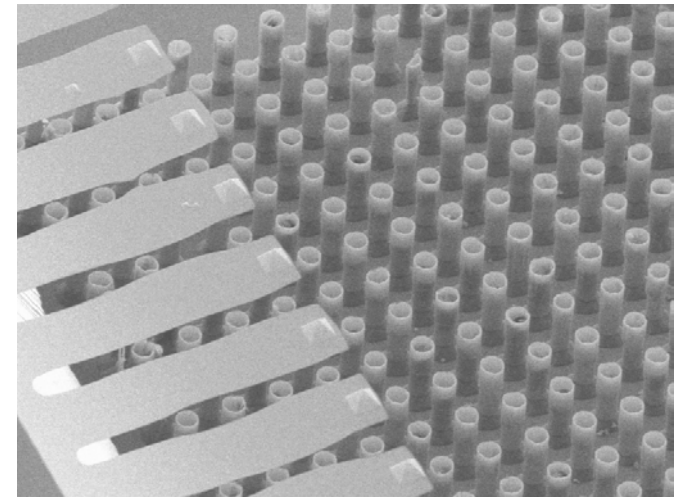
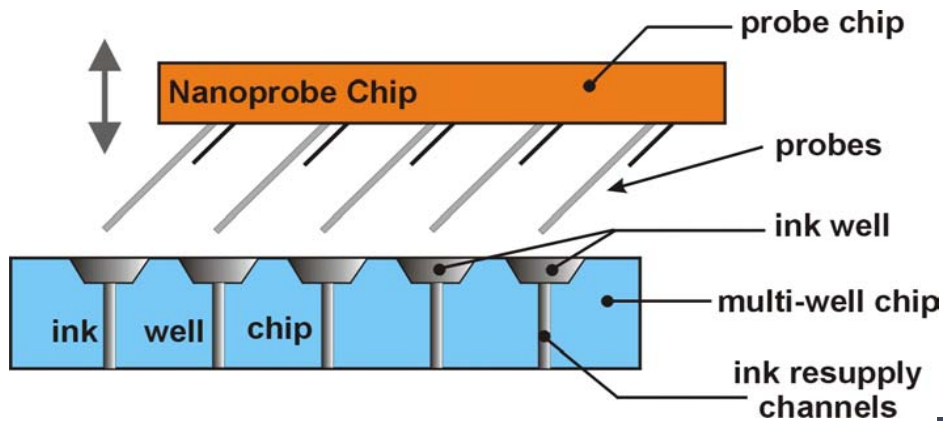


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An Integrated Inking System

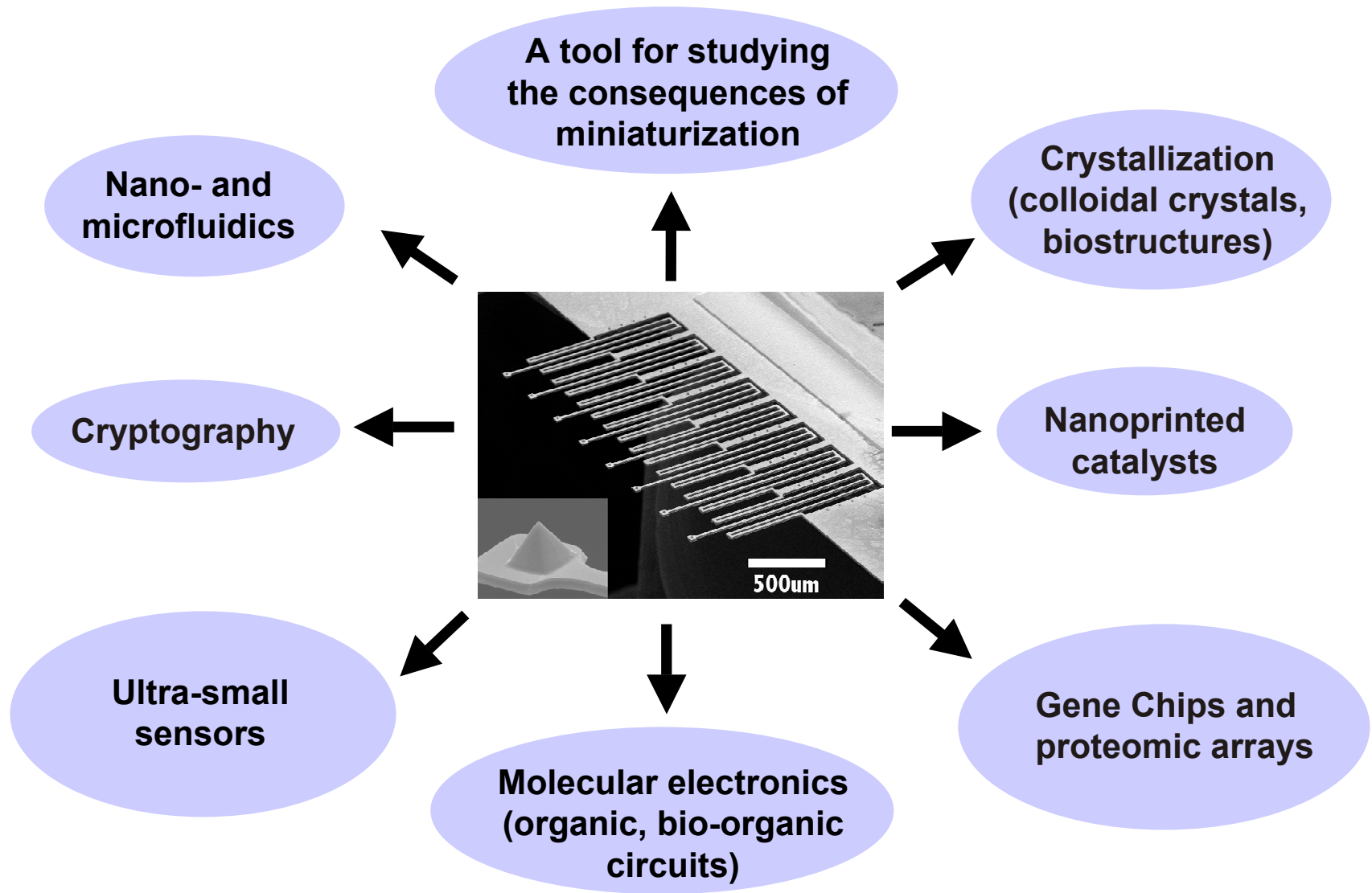
Microfluid system delivers chemicals to inking apertures



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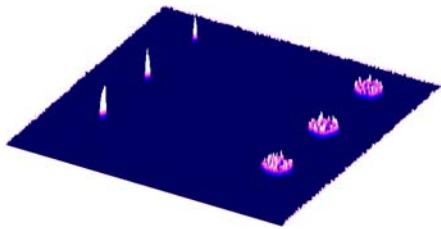
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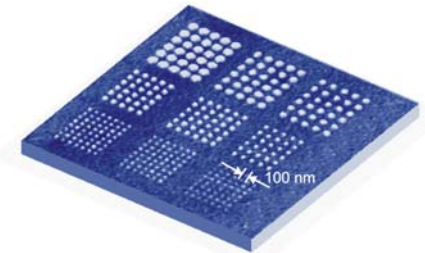


Orthogonal Assembly of Nanoparticles

As soon as I mention this, people tell me about miniaturization, and how far it has progressed today. They tell me about electric motors that are the size of the nail on your small finger. And there is a device on the market, they tell me, by which you can write the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin. But that's nothing; that's the most primitive, halting step in the direction I intend to discuss. It is a staggeringly small world that is below. In the year 2000, when they look back at this age, they will wonder why it was not until the year 1960 that anybody began seriously to move in this direction.

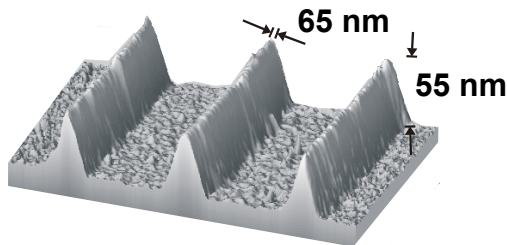
Richard P. Feynman, 1960

Flexible Nanolithographic Capability

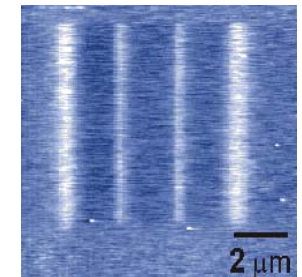
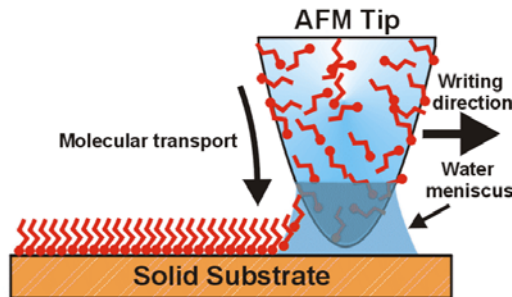


Combinatorial DPN Templates

Dip-Pen Nanolithography

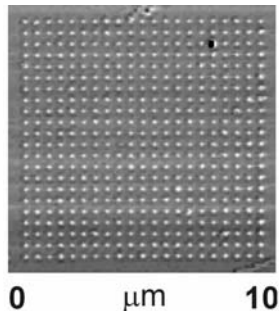


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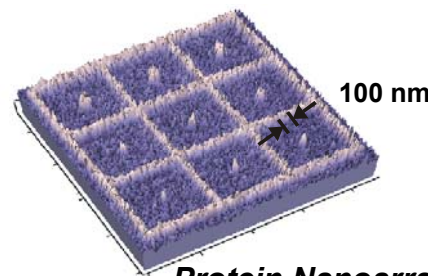


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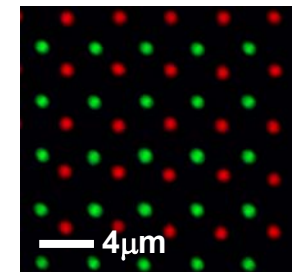
Capabilities



Nanomagnetics



Protein Nanoarrays



Ultrahigh Density DNA Arrays



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Super Gene Chip

4^{17} 50 μm diameter
dots with 50 μm spacing



Tennis court

13m x 13 m:
Too big to be practical

4^{17} 50 nm diameter
dots with 50 μm spacing



Penny

13 mm x 13 mm:
Reasonable



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World Use of Dip Pen Nanolithography



- Laboratories Using Dip-Pen Nanolithography



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